

# STARBLAZER

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IT WAS THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD. BUT SOMEHOW THE MOST EVIL  
BEING IN THE UNIVERSE HAD SURVIVED... AND WAS ON THE  
RAMPAGE WITH HIS ROBOT ARMY!

## VASSAL'S REVENGE

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THE FIGHTING SCIENTISTS CRUISED THE GALAXY PROTECTING EARTH'S FRONTIERS FROM WARMONGERING ALIENS. THE MEN FROM FI-SCI WERE A COMBINATION OF FIGHTING MACHINE AND SCIENTIST, AN AMALGAM THAT STRUCK FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF ALIEN OPPRESSORS. YET ONE ALIEN HAD NO SUCH FEAR, AND HE SAW A FI-SCI INVENTION, THE CONICAL ACCELERATOR DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE TERRAFORMING OF UNINHABITED PLANETS, AS THE INSTRUMENT OF HIS RETALIATION AGAINST EARTH.



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OUT IN A REMOTE SECTOR OF SPACE, FI-SCI OPERATIVE, HADRON HALLEY, WAS ANALYSING THE ATMOSPHERE OF TULON.

THE SAMPLES SHOW THAT THE  
TERRAFORMING IS WELL ON ITS  
WAY.



HADRON MADE HIS WAY BACK TO HIS PLANET-LANDER —



THAT'S MY JOB DONE . . . BACK TO  
THE ORBITER, THEN HOME.

ONCE IN HIS CRAFT, HADRON BEGAN THE  
BLAST OFF SEQUENCE —

HALLEY CALLING EXPEDITION CONTROL.  
AS SOON AS I'VE JOINED YOU IN ORBIT,  
IT'S SITUATION GO FOR PHASE IV.  
OVER . . .

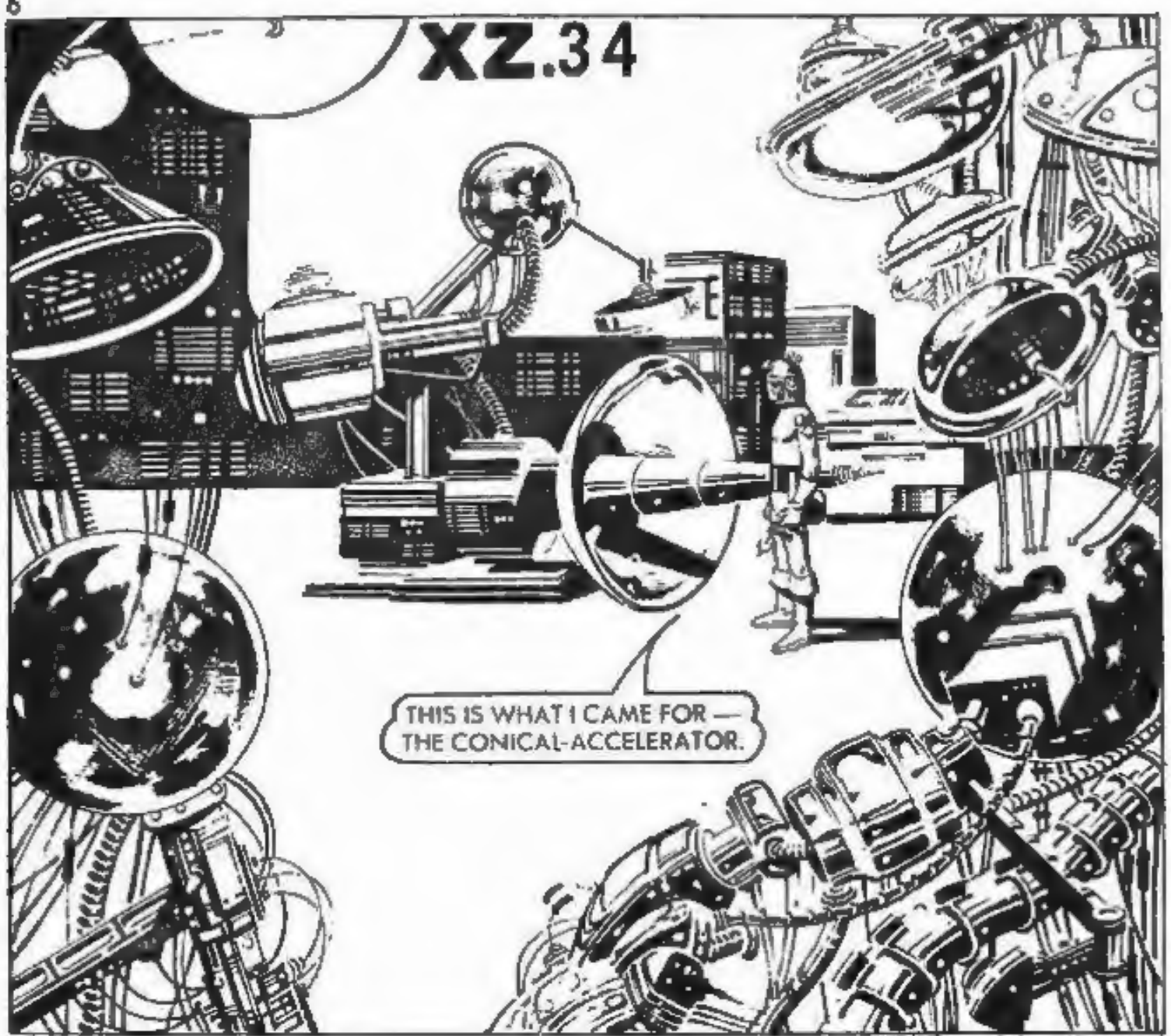
DIADRON'S MESSAGE WAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED. THE TRANSMIT AERIALS OF THE ORBITER HAD BEEN VAPOURISED BY SPACE-PIRATES



PIRATES BOARDED THE ORBITER —

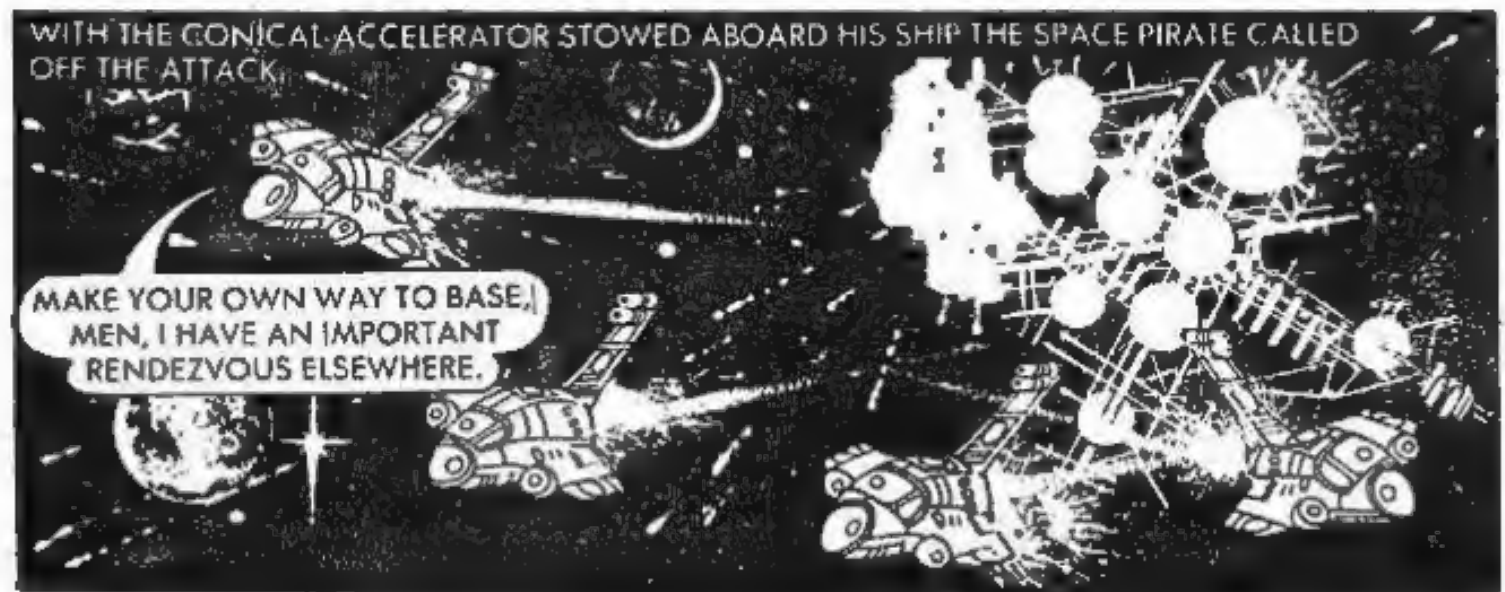




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THIS IS WHAT I CAME FOR —  
THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR.

WITH THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR STOWED ABOARD HIS SHIP THE SPACE PIRATE CALLED  
OFF THE ATTACK.



MAKE YOUR OWN WAY TO BASE,  
MEN, I HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
RENDEZVOUS ELSEWHERE.

THE CREW OF THE ORBITER WERE LEFT DEAD OR DYING.

UNLESS THE TRANSMIT BEAM IS  
ACTIVATED, HADRON WILL BE  
STRANDED ON THE PLANET FOR  
EVER.

THE ACTIVATION OF THE TRANSMIT BEAM BROUGHT A SIGH OF RELIEF FROM HADRON'S LIPS, BUT HE SENSED THAT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG IN THE ORBITER MOTHERSHIP.

THE VOICE LINK HAD TOO MANY BACK UP  
CIRCUITS TO FAIL BY ACCIDENT, THERE MUST  
BE REAL PROBLEMS UP IN ORBIT.

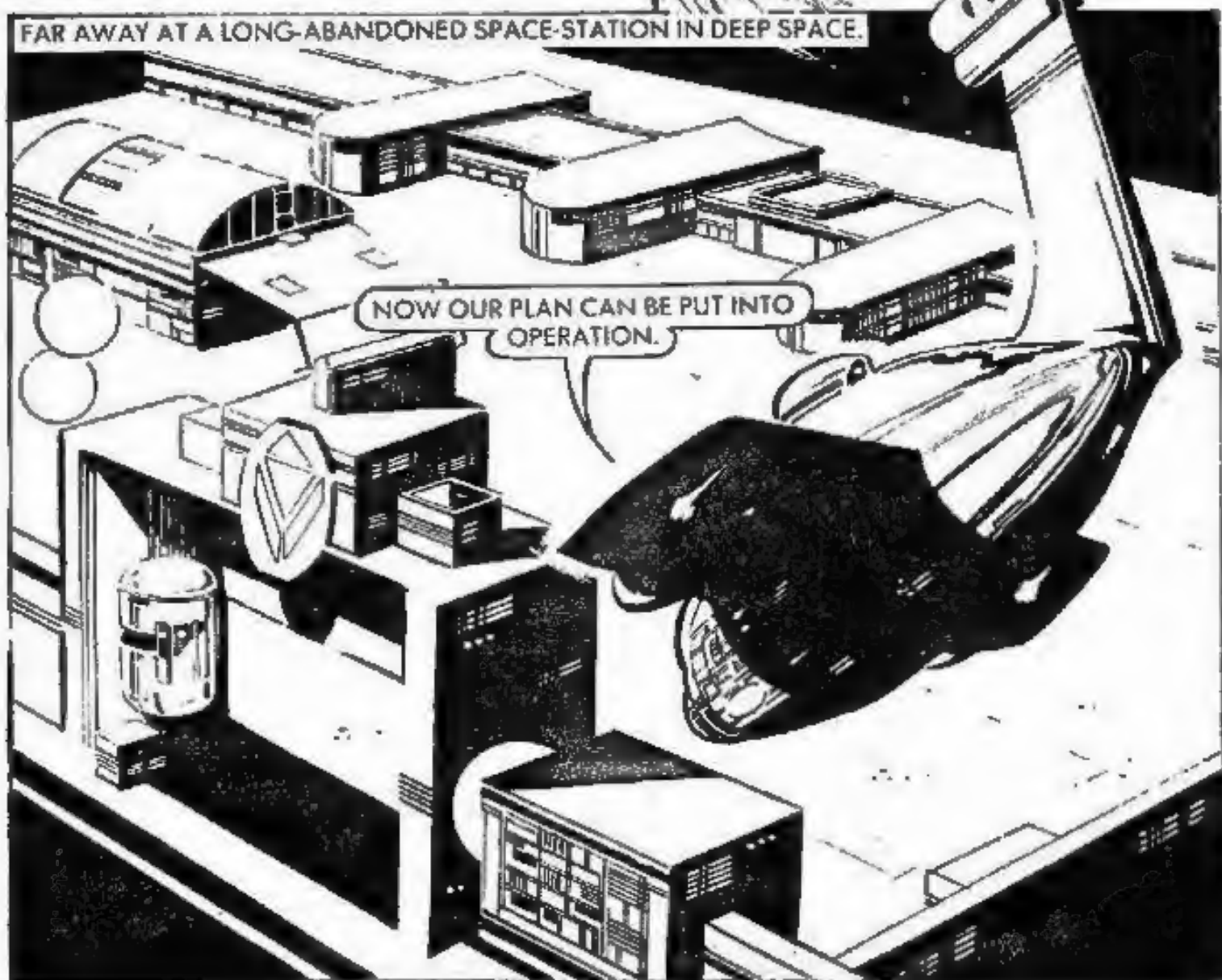
WHEN HADRON ARRIVED THE CARNAGE IN THE ORBITER SHOCKED HIM.

JUPE! ALL THIS SLAUGHTER!  
WHAT FOR?



FAR AWAY AT A LONG-ABANDONED SPACE-STATION IN DEEP SPACE.

NOW OUR PLAN CAN BE PUT INTO  
OPERATION.





THE SPACE PIRATE, ARKAN, UNLOADED THE CONICAL ACCELERATOR IN READINESS FOR HIS MASTER...



...WHO WAS LORD VASSAL, LAST OF A WARRIOR CLAN OF VACUUM-BREATHING ALIENS.

YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL WITH THIS GIFT OF THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR, ARKAN.



THE ACCELERATOR IS THE INSTRUMENT WITH WHICH I SHALL SMASH THE TERRAN FEDERATION.

AND MAKE THEM GIVE MY PIRATES A PLANET FOR A HOME — THAT WAS OUR BARGAIN LORD VASSAL.





THE SPACE FEDERATION THOUGHT ME DEAD WHEN I DRIFTED IN SPACE. BUT I, VASSAL, THANKS TO MY GENETIC ABILITY TO BREATHE LIFE-GIVING GASSES FROM SPACE, SURVIVED.



ARKAN FOUND ME AND RETURNED ME TO HEALTH. NOW I AM THE LAST OF MY PEOPLE — I WILL BE RESTORED TO MY FORMER GLORY, EVEN IF IT MEANS THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERY WORLD WITHIN THE GALACTIC FEDERATION!



HADRON HAD RETURNED TO STARBASE ONE,  
THE COMMAND CENTRE FOR FI-SCI AND  
GALAC-SQUAD.

CALLING HADRON HALLEY, PLEASE REPORT  
TO MAIN CONTROL IMMEDIATELY.

HADRON WAS UNDERGOING A  
RE-ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMME —

I NEED ALL THE REST I CAN GET  
TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE TIME SPENT  
FLOATING IN NIL GRAVITY.



HADRON JOINED COMMANDER LARZ PLUTO IN THE COMMAND CENTRE —



— THAT PLANET HAS BEEN GEOLOGICALLY STABLE EVER SINCE IT WAS CHOSEN AS A SITE FOR SETTLEMENT. YET SUDDENLY IT IS STRUCK BY EARTHQUAKES.





HADRON KEYED THE COURSE CO-ORDINATES OF THE COLONY PLANET OF NOTUL INTO HIS SHIPBOARD COMPUTER

THE CONICAL ACCELERATOR CAN CHANGE THE ATOMIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF MATTER ITSELF. IN THE WRONG HANDS IT COULD CREATE CHAOS

SOON HADRON WAS OVER NOTUL

IT LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE SECTION OF THE PLANET'S CRUST HAS COLLAPSED

HADRON LANDED AT THE SPACEPORT, WHICH HAD ESCAPED THE EFFECTS OF THE 'QUAKE.





SUDDENLY, THE VEHICLE LURCHED —

JUPEI!

NOW EVEN THE HOVER-CAR'S  
GONE FAULTY!



I'LL CHECK OUT THE  
GRAVITY INTENSITY...

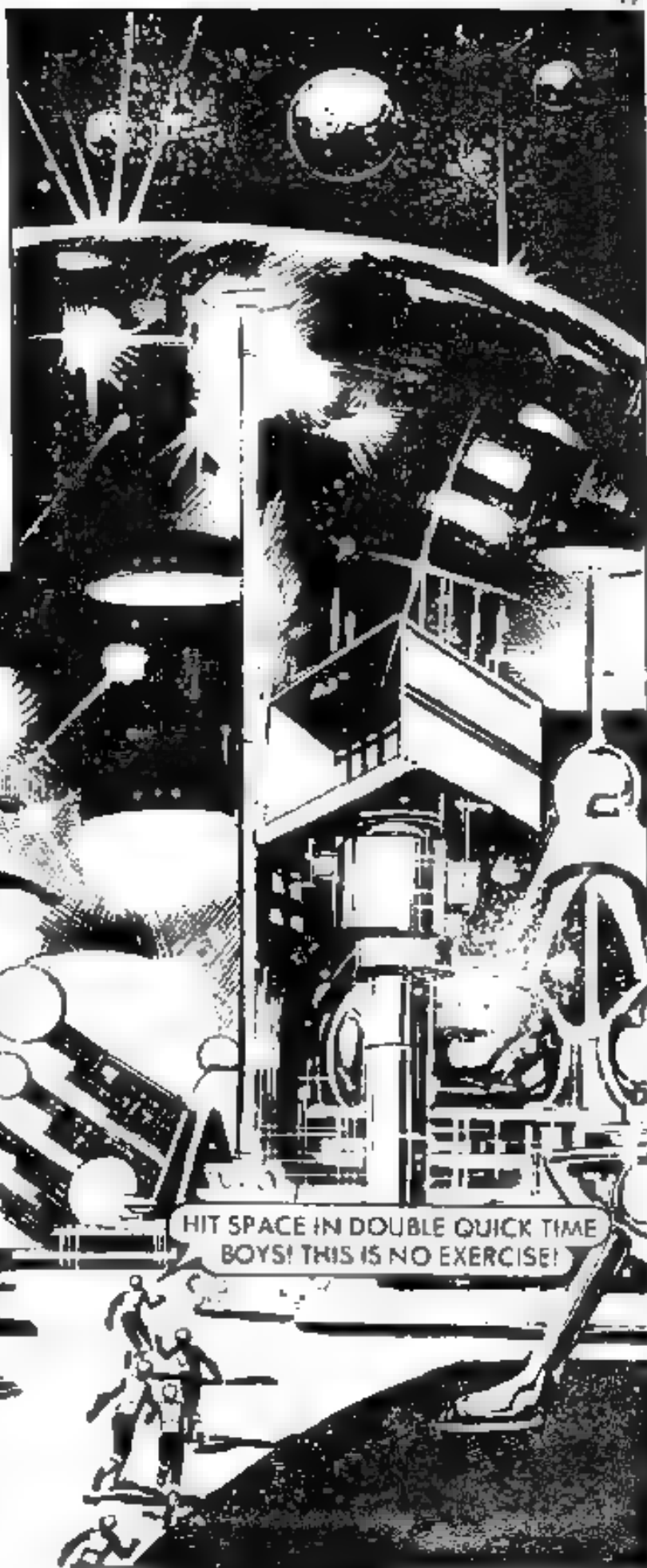
FORGET THE GRAVITY, HADRON!  
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!



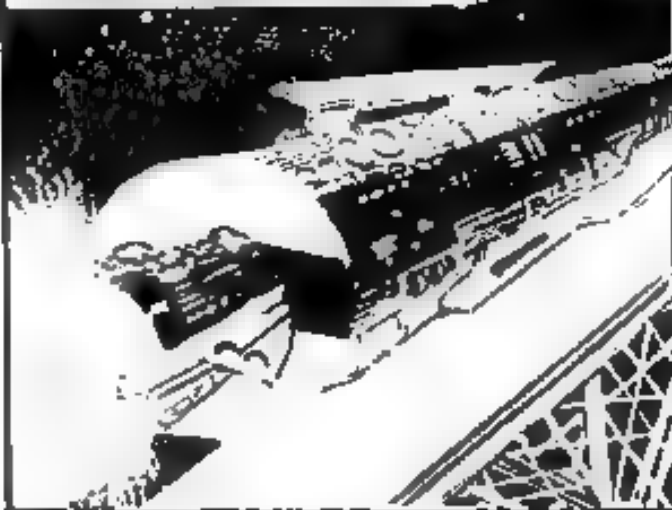
IT'S SPACE-PIRATES, BUT THEY  
DON'T NORMALLY RISK COMING IN SO CLOSE







THE LEADING FIGHTER ROSE SLOWLY ON A  
PILLAR OF BOOSTER FLAME . . .

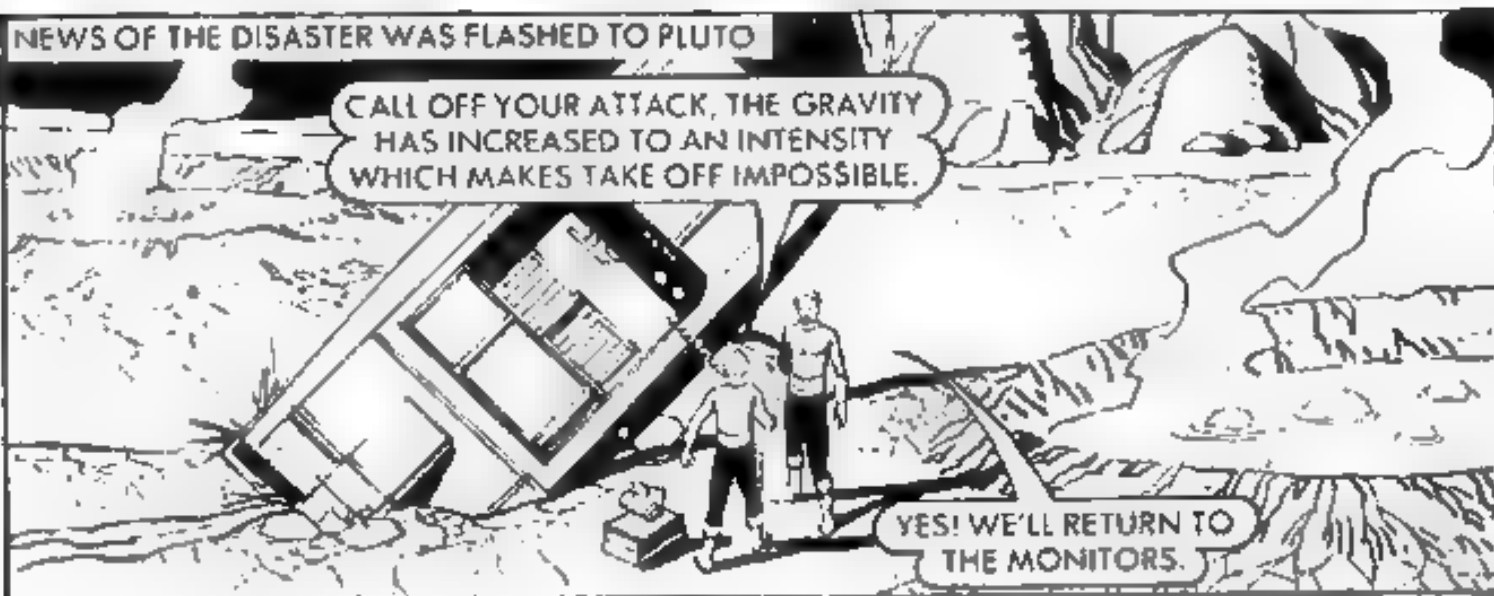


... FOR A MOMENT THE FIGHTER WAS  
MOTIONLESS, THEN IT CRASHED BACK  
ONTO THE CONCRETE WITH DISASTROUS  
RESULTS.



NEWS OF THE DISASTER WAS FLASHED TO PLUTO

CALL OFF YOUR ATTACK, THE GRAVITY  
HAS INCREASED TO AN INTENSITY  
WHICH MAKES TAKE OFF IMPOSSIBLE.



YES! WE'LL RETURN TO  
THE MONITORS.

IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE ARKAN MADE THE FIRST CONTACT



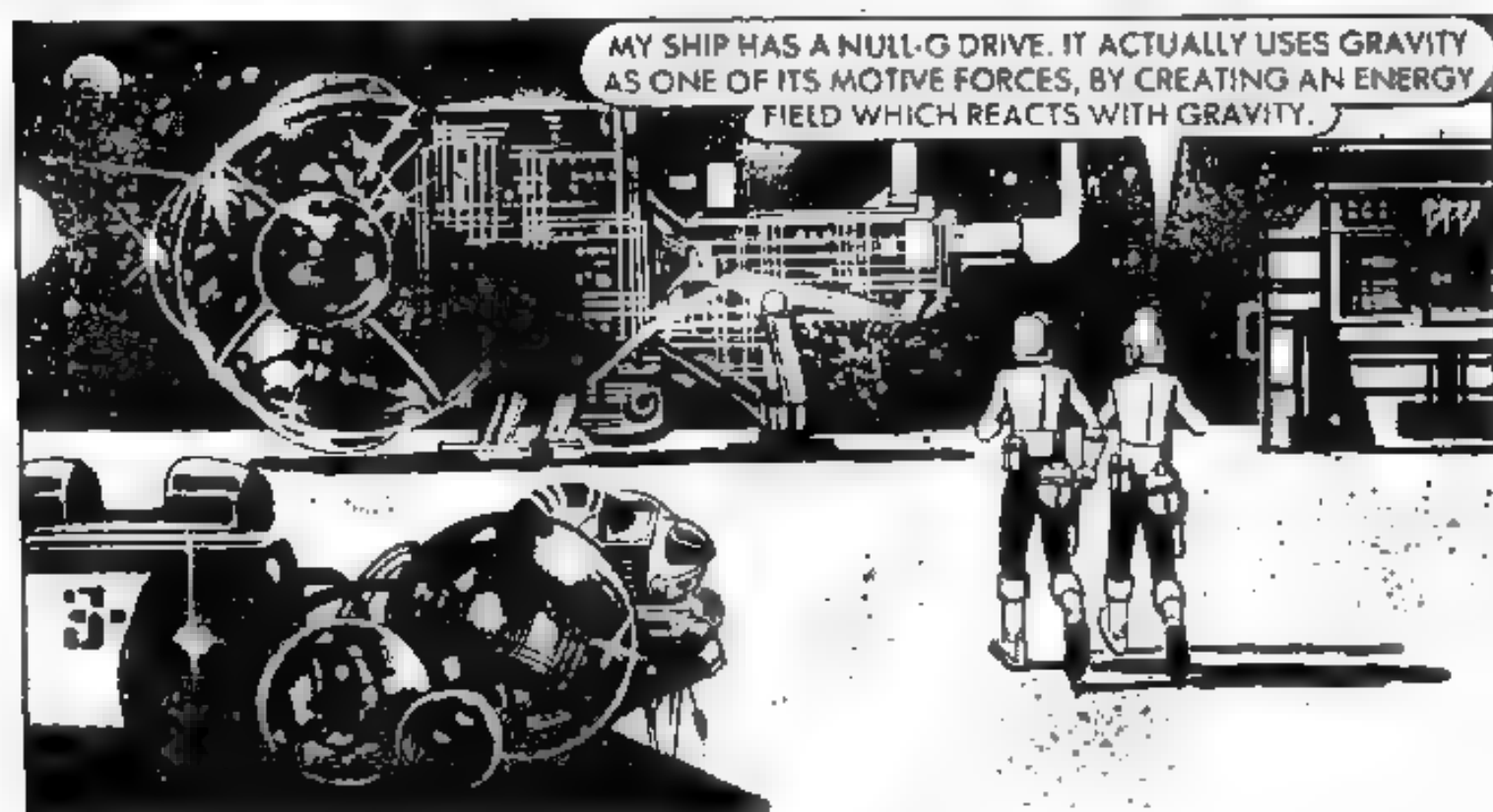
YOU REALISE THE HOPELESSNESS OF YOUR POSITION, COMMANDER. IF YOU DO NOT SURRENDER WITHIN THE HOUR I WILL RETURN AND BOMB YOUR SETTLEMENT FLAT

PLUTO HASTILY ASSEMBLED COUNCIL OF WAR.

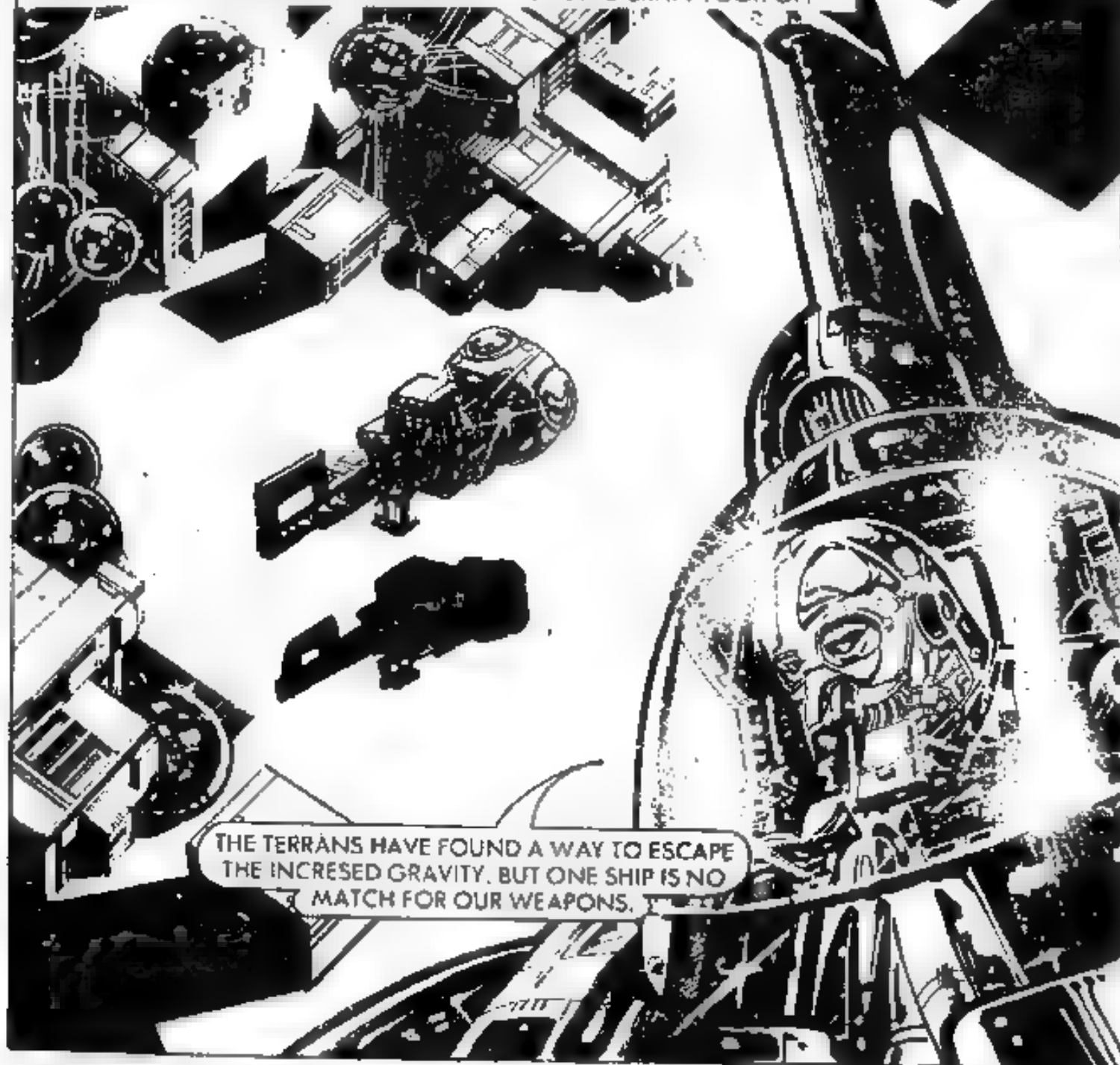


GENTLEMEN, WE ARE THREATENED BY EARTHQUAKES AND SPACE PIRATES. THE ONE GIVES US NO DEFENCE AGAINST THE OTHER. OUR ONLY HOPE LIES WITH FI-SCI.





OVERHEAD A SPACE PIRATE WATCHED AS HADRON'S CRAFT TOOK OFF —

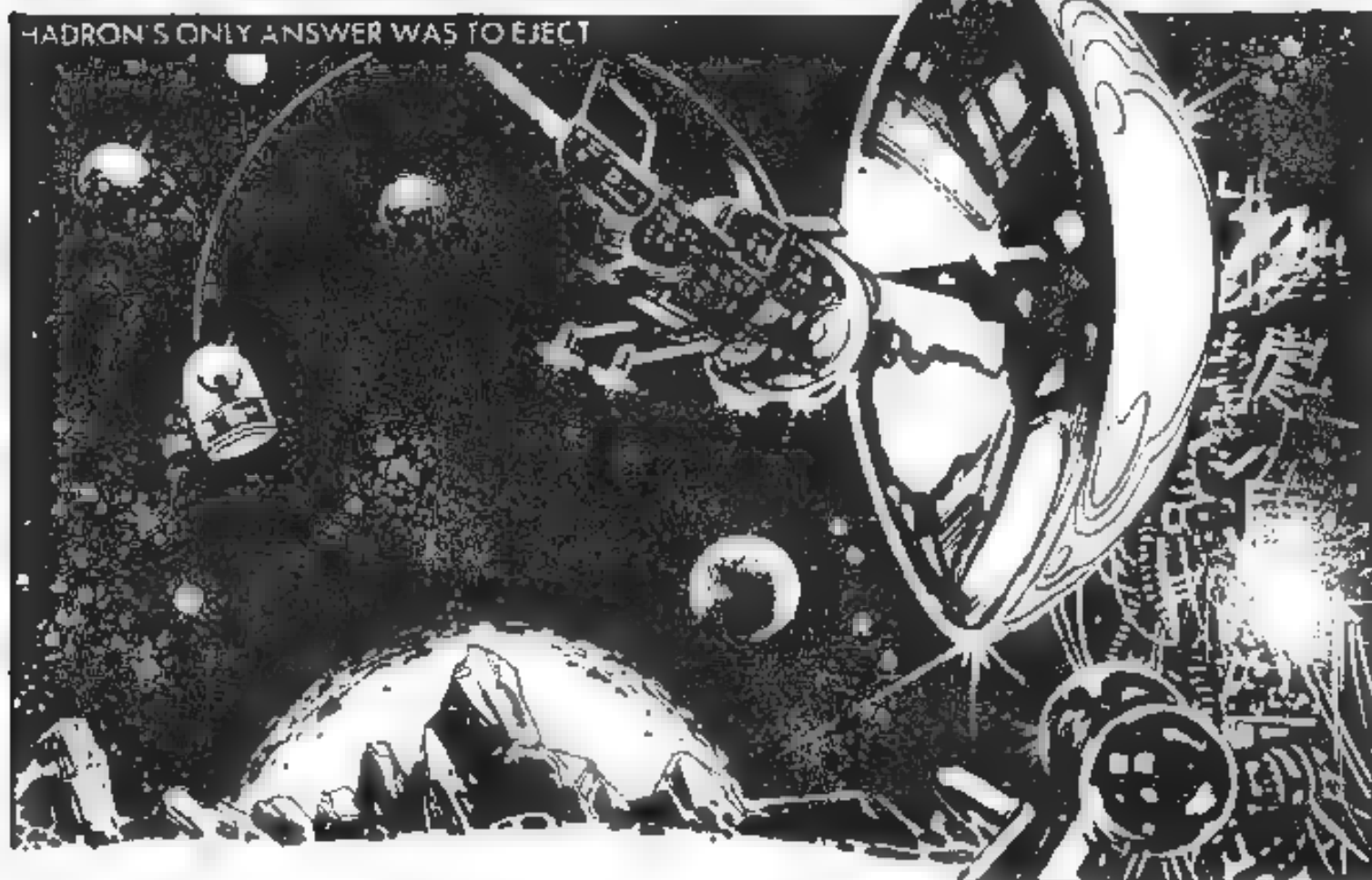


THE TERRANS HAVE FOUND A WAY TO ESCAPE  
THE INCREASED GRAVITY, BUT ONE SHIP IS NO  
MATCH FOR OUR WEAPONS.

BUT THE PIRATES WERE UNABLE TO PENETRATE THE DEFENSIVE SCREENS SURROUNDING  
THE FI-SCI SHIP.



I'D BLAST THE REST OF THEM OUT OF SPACE, BUT  
MY FIRST PRIORITY IS TO STOP THE GRAVITINO  
BOMBARDMENT FROM THE CONICAL  
ACCELERATOR.





THE CRAFT PLUNGED INTO A GIANT AERIAL —



HADRON'S ESCAPE CAPSULE  
BOUNCED TO A HALT ON THE  
PLANET'S SURFACE—



HADRON CLAMBERED OUT

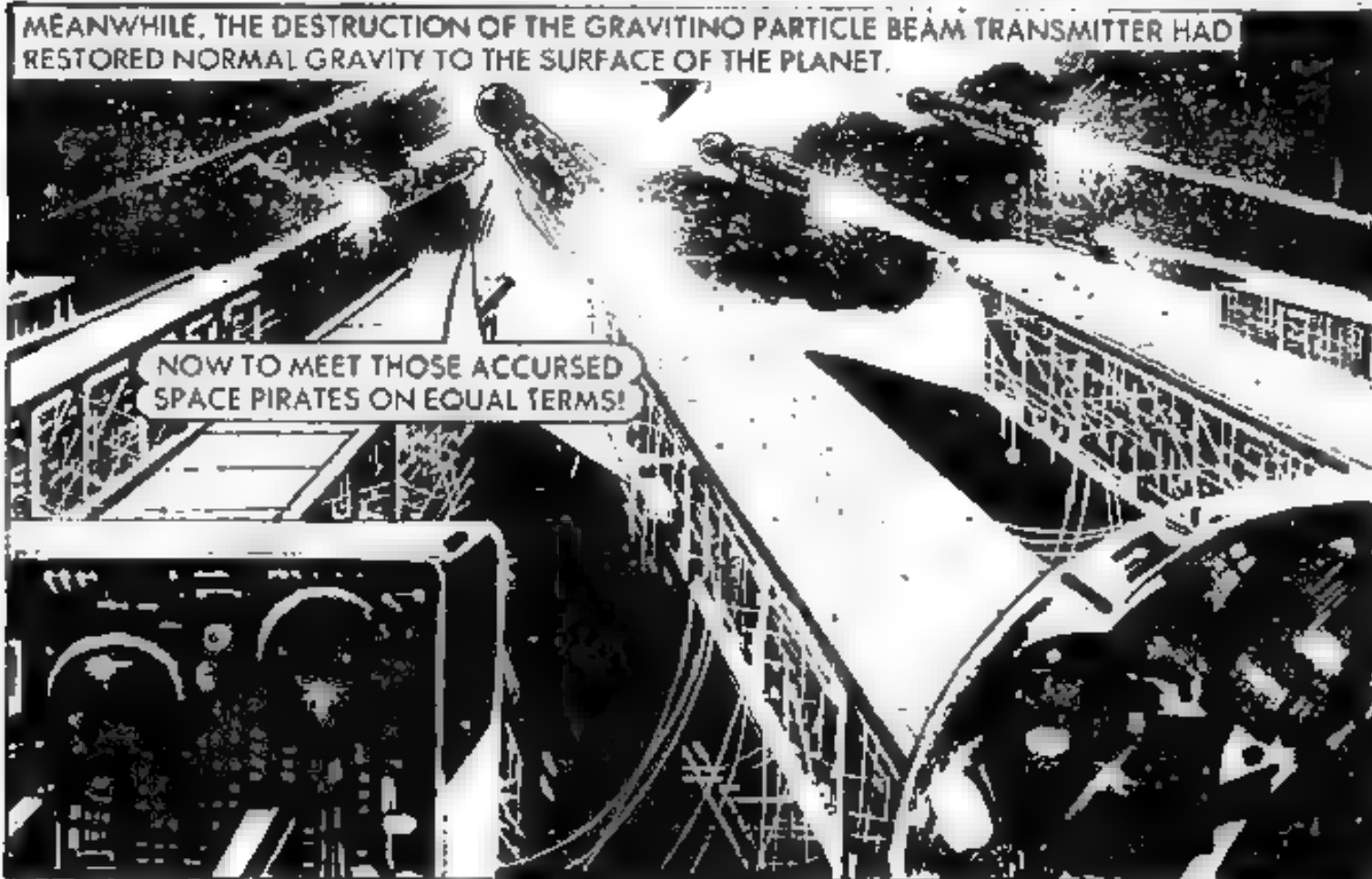
FROM WHAT I SAW BEFORE  
IMPACT, THAT AERIAL WAS ONLY A  
RELAY TRANSMITTER.



THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR  
ITSELF WOULD BE NEARBY,  
WITHIN TRANSMITTING DISTANCE.  
THE QUESTION IS, WHERE?

MEANWHILE, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GRAVITINO PARTICLE BEAM TRANSMITTER HAD  
RESTORED NORMAL GRAVITY TO THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET.

NOW TO MEET THOSE ACCURSED  
SPACE PIRATES ON EQUAL TERMS!

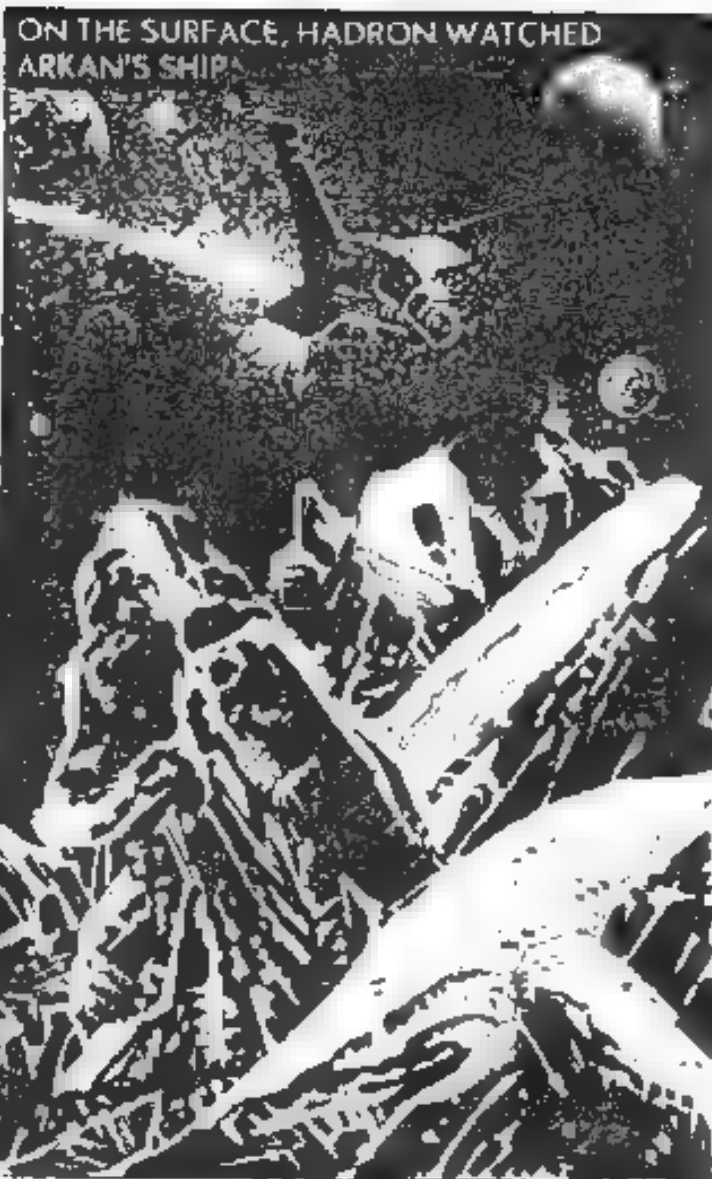


THE SPACE-PIRATES WERE ILL-PREPARED FOR THE SUDDEN ASSAULT.

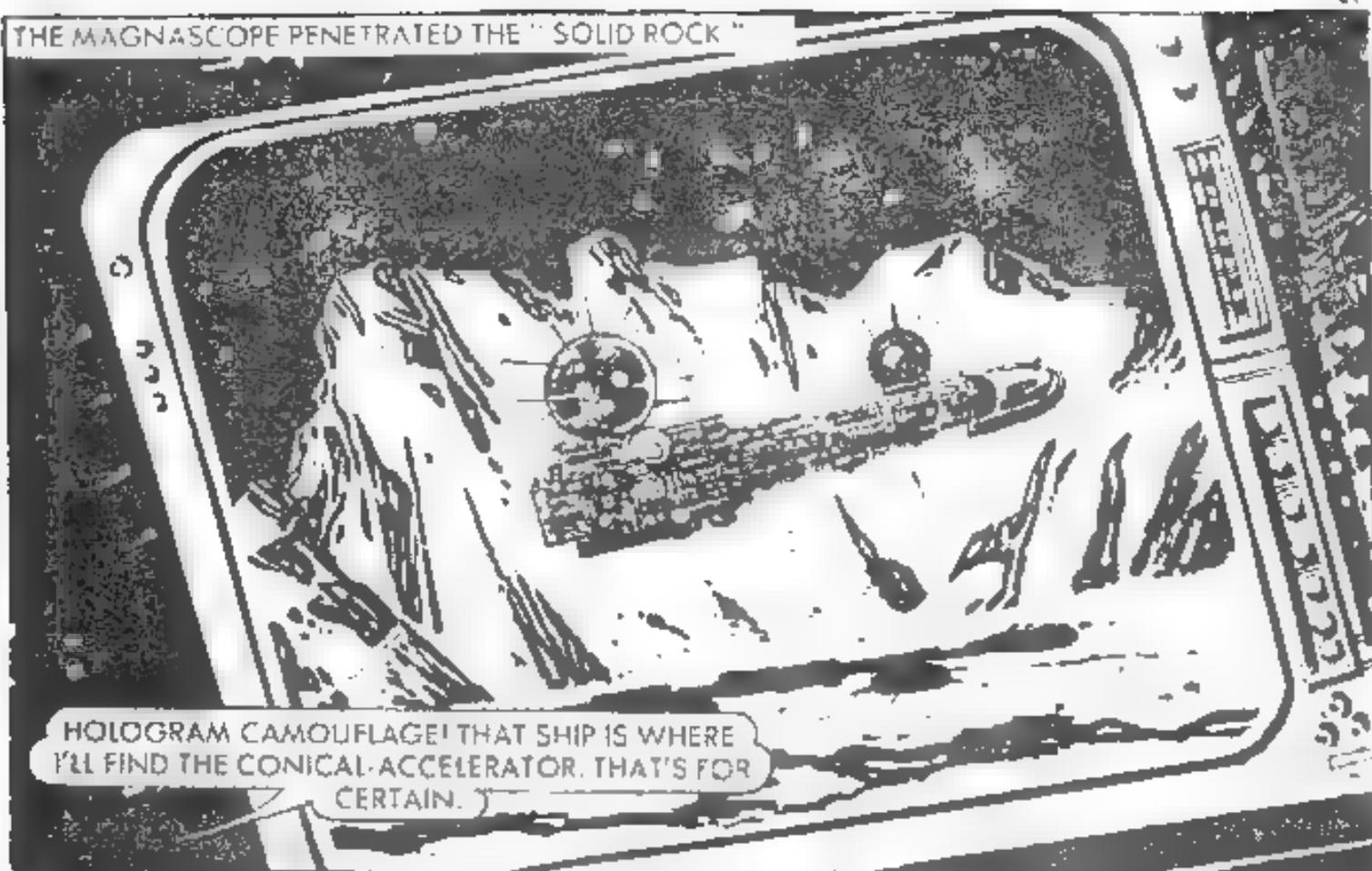


DISENGAGE! REGROUP AT OUR DEEP SPACE  
RENDEZVOUS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS





THE MAGNASCOPE PENETRATED THE "SOLID ROCK"



HOLOGRAM CAMOUFLAGE! THAT SHIP IS WHERE  
I'LL FIND THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR. THAT'S FOR  
CERTAIN.

HADRON RISKED BREAKING TRANSMIT SILENCE TO NOTIFY THE GARRISON COMMANDER OF  
HIS POSITION

WHILE YOU'RE GETTING THE  
HEAVY FIREPOWER UP HERE,  
COMMANDER, I'LL LISTEN IN TO OUR  
ENEMY ON THE SNOOP-RAY.

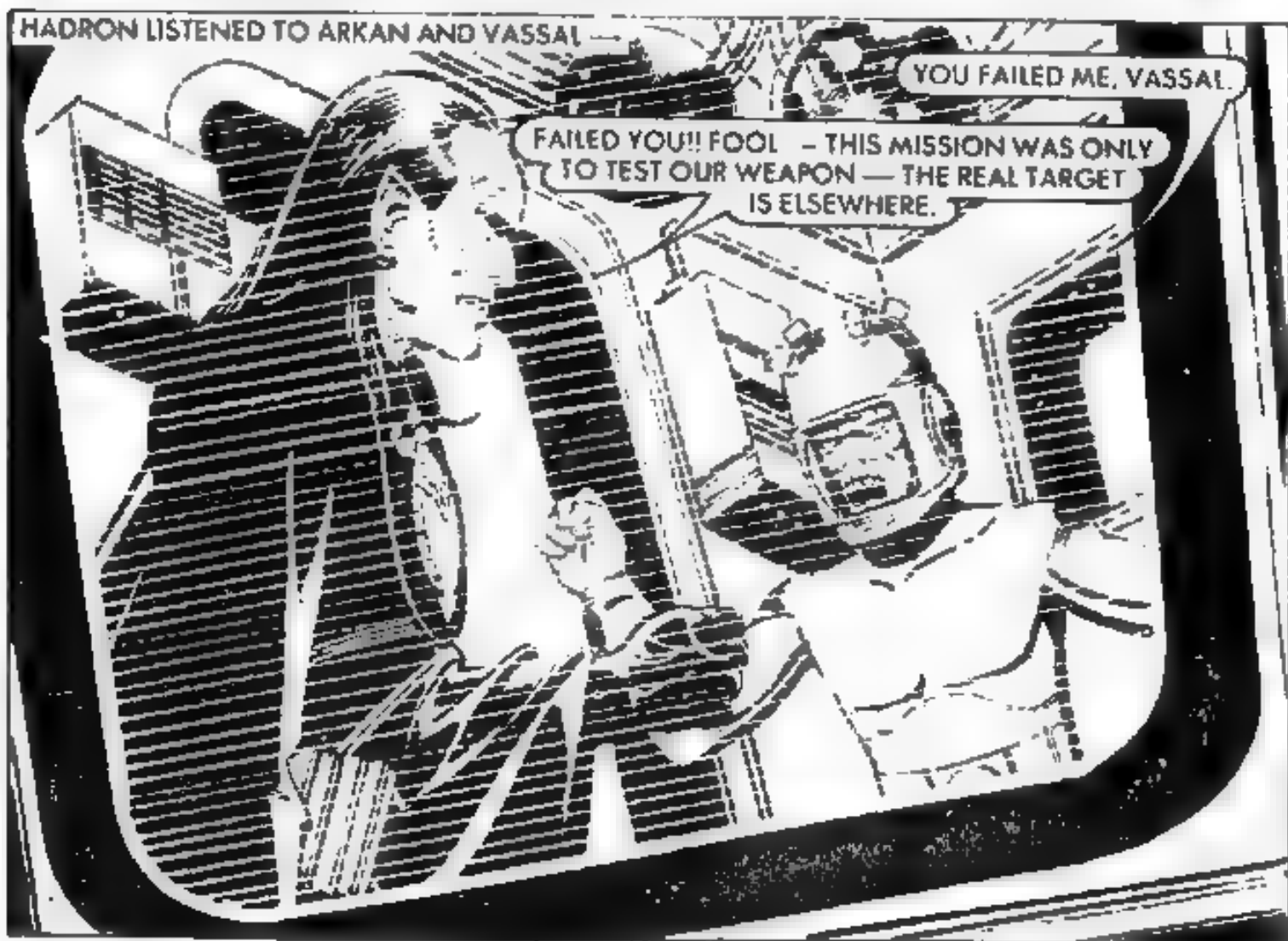


THE SNOOP-RAY WAS THE ULTIMATE IN ESPIONAGE DEVICES, BEING CAPABLE OF CARRYING SOUND AND VISION FROM BEHIND REINFORCED METAL.



I'LL GET A FOCUS ON THE CONTROL CABIN AND SEE WHO OUR REAL ENEMY IS.

HADRON LISTENED TO ARKAN AND VASSAL



YOU FAILED ME, VASSAL.

FAILED YOU!! FOOL - THIS MISSION WAS ONLY TO TEST OUR WEAPON - THE REAL TARGET IS ELSEWHERE.



A WARNING DEVICE ALERTED VASSAL TO THE SNOOP-RAY —



HA! WE ARE BEING MONITORED!  
NO MATTER, I HAVE A SUITABLE  
DEFENCE SYSTEM.

VASSAL DIRECTED  
AN EXPLOSIVE  
SURGE ALONG  
THE SNOOP-RAY.

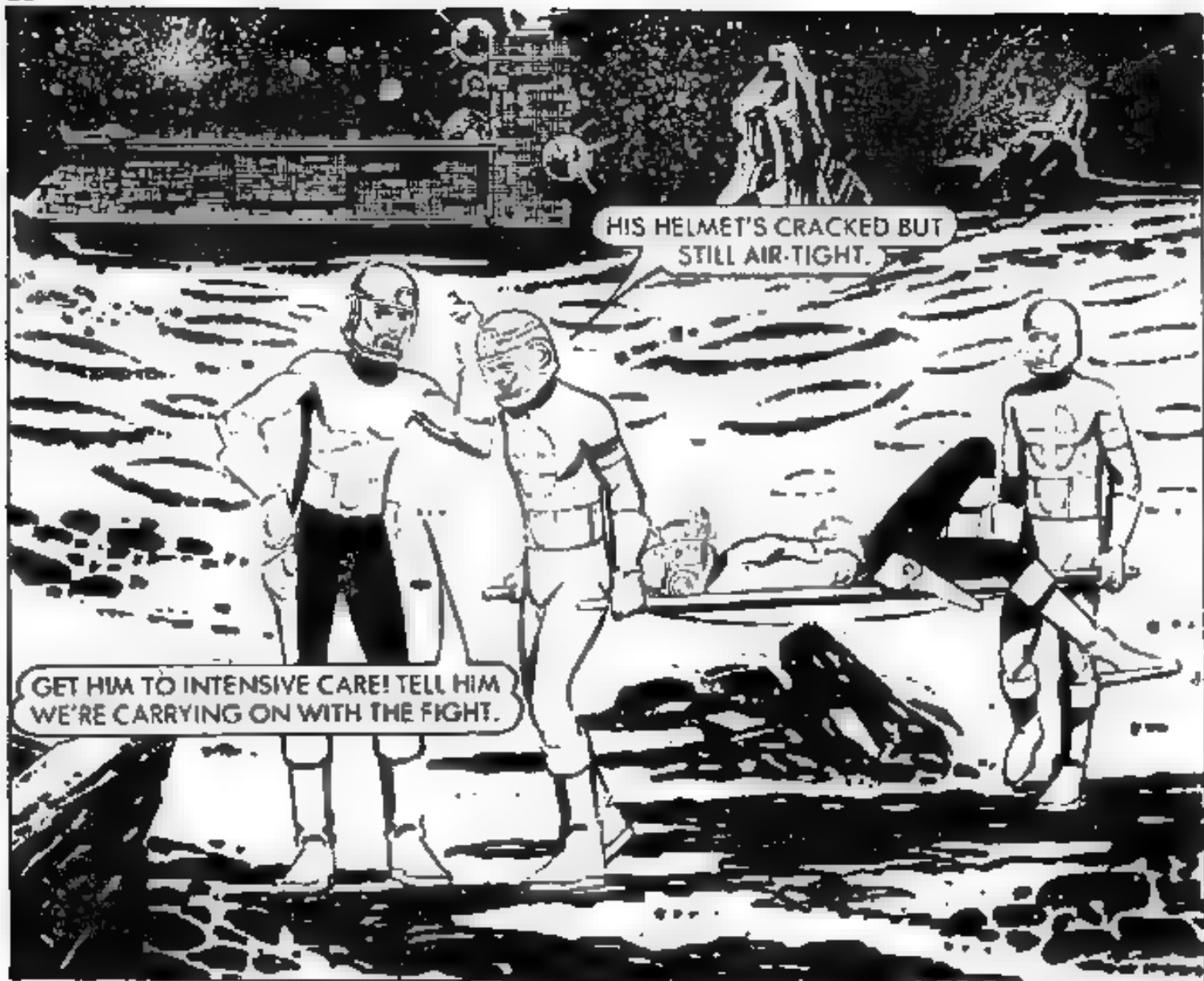


YARRRGH!

A GALAC-SQUAD CRUISER ARRIVED SOON AFTER —

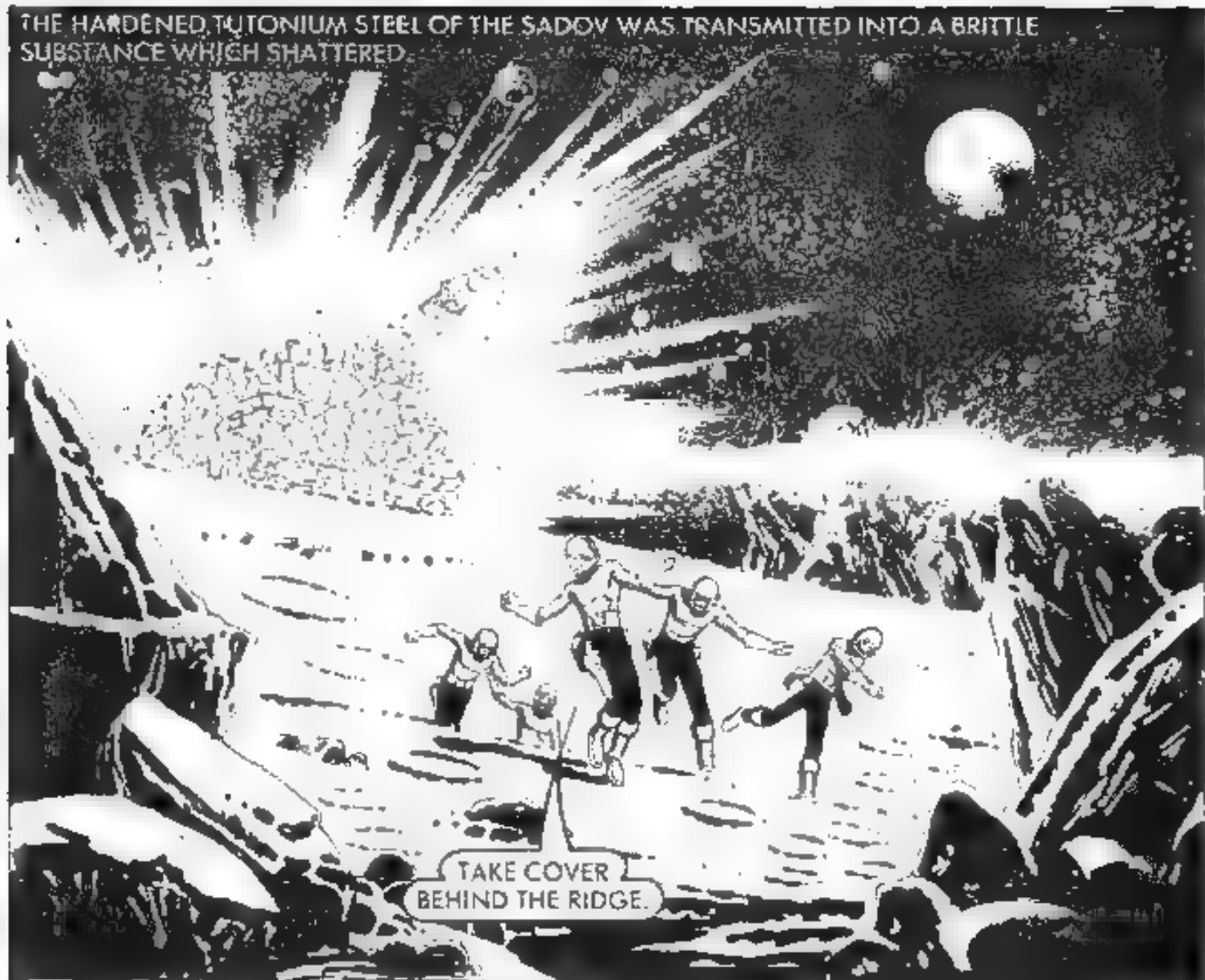
GET THE MEDIC TEAM OUT WHEN  
WE LAND. IT LOOKS LIKE  
HADRON'S BEEN UNDER ATTACK.







THE HARDENED TANTALUM STEEL OF THE SADOV WAS TRANSMITTED INTO A BRITTLE SUBSTANCE WHICH SHATTERED.



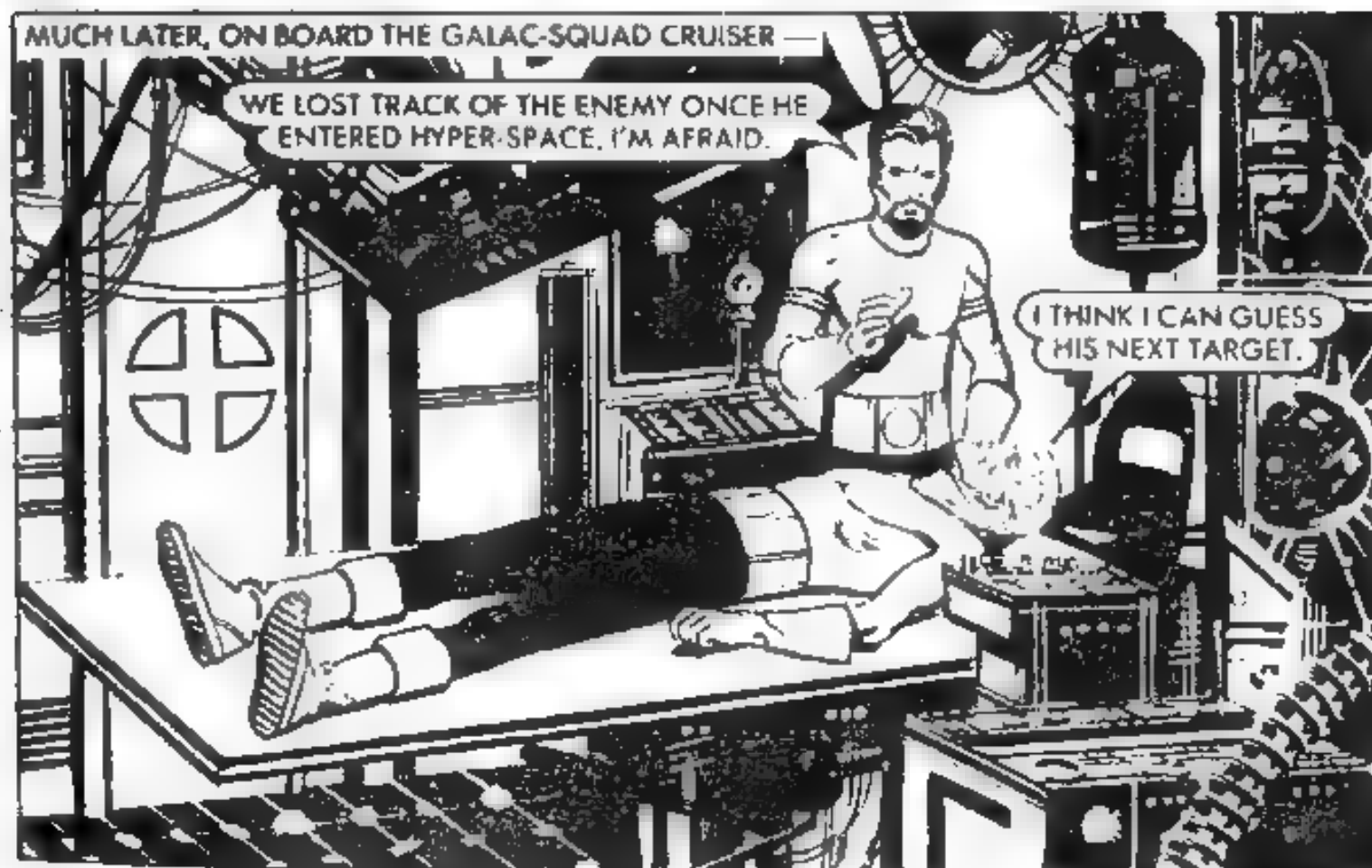
TAKE COVER  
BEHIND THE RIDGE.



DESTROY THEIR SHIP  
LORD VASSAL.

WE HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE. NOW THAT THE  
WEAPON IS TESTED WE WILL MOVE AGAINST  
THE PRIME TARGET.





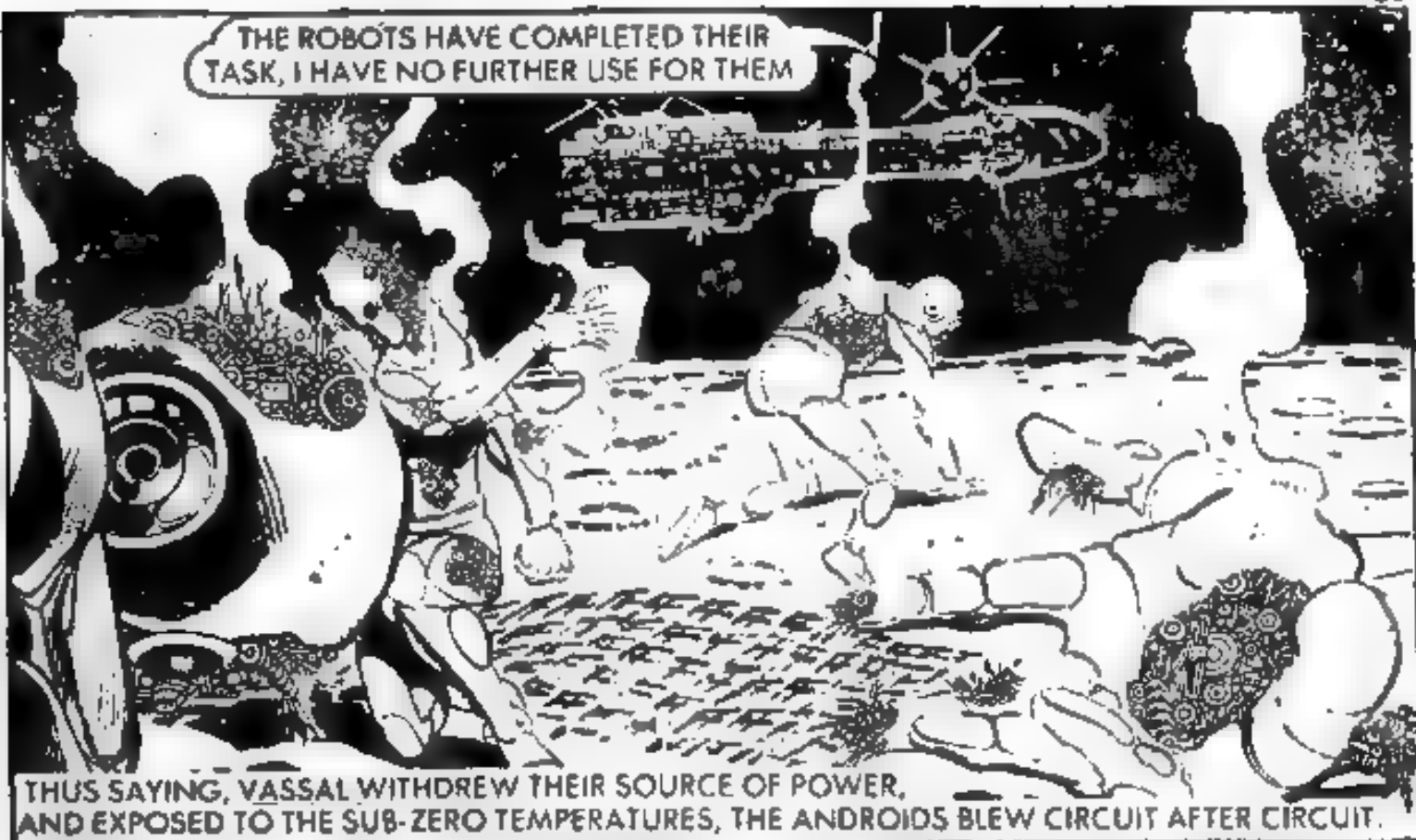


AS SOON AS YOUR MEDICS HAVE  
PATCHED ME UP, I'LL RETURN TO  
EARTH. THIS VASSAL WOULD NOT  
TROUBLE HIMSELF WITH ANY LESSER  
TARGET.

HADRON'S HUNCH WAS CORRECT.  
A TEAM OF CYBORGS HAD RAPIDLY  
CONSTRUCTED THE VITAL FOUNDATIONS  
ON THE MOON. DUE TO SCAN SHIELDS,  
EARTH WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE.



THE ROBOTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TASK, I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR THEM



THUS SAYING, VASSAL WITHDREW THEIR SOURCE OF POWER, AND EXPOSED TO THE SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES, THE ANDROIDS BLEW CIRCUIT AFTER CIRCUIT.

USING A GRAVLIFT, VASSAL DESCENDED TO HIS NOW ERECTED DOME.

THE GRID IN THE CRATER WILL ACT AS A TRANSMISSION AERIAL TO BEAM THE POWER FROM THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR AT THE EARTH.



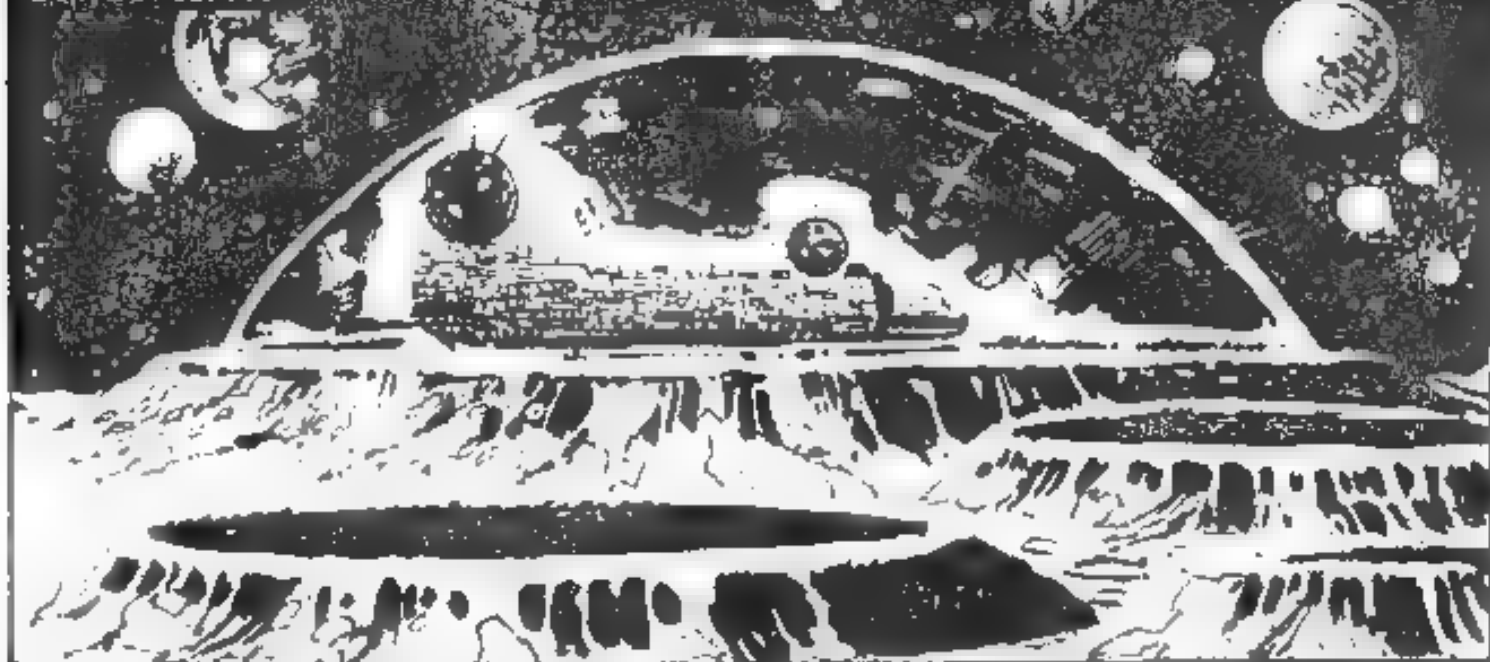
NO OTHER REVENGE WOULD WIPE AWAY THE SHAME OF MY DEFEAT BY A LONG DEAD TERRAN CALLED HOGAN. HIS HOME PLANET SHALL BE DESTROYED.

YOU WILL, OF COURSE, CALL OFF YOUR THREAT ONCE THEY HAVE PROMISED A HOME WORLD FOR MY WANDERING PIRATES?



\*SEE GALACTIC ENCYCLOPAEDIA VOL. IV, HOGAN 2475-2525, THERMAL WARS, OR STARBLAZER NUMBER 7, HOLOCAUST HOGAN.

THE CONICAL ACCELERATOR ALSO POWERED A FORCE FIELD WHICH KEPT THE PARTICLE BEAM OUT, BUT LET NOTHING IN.



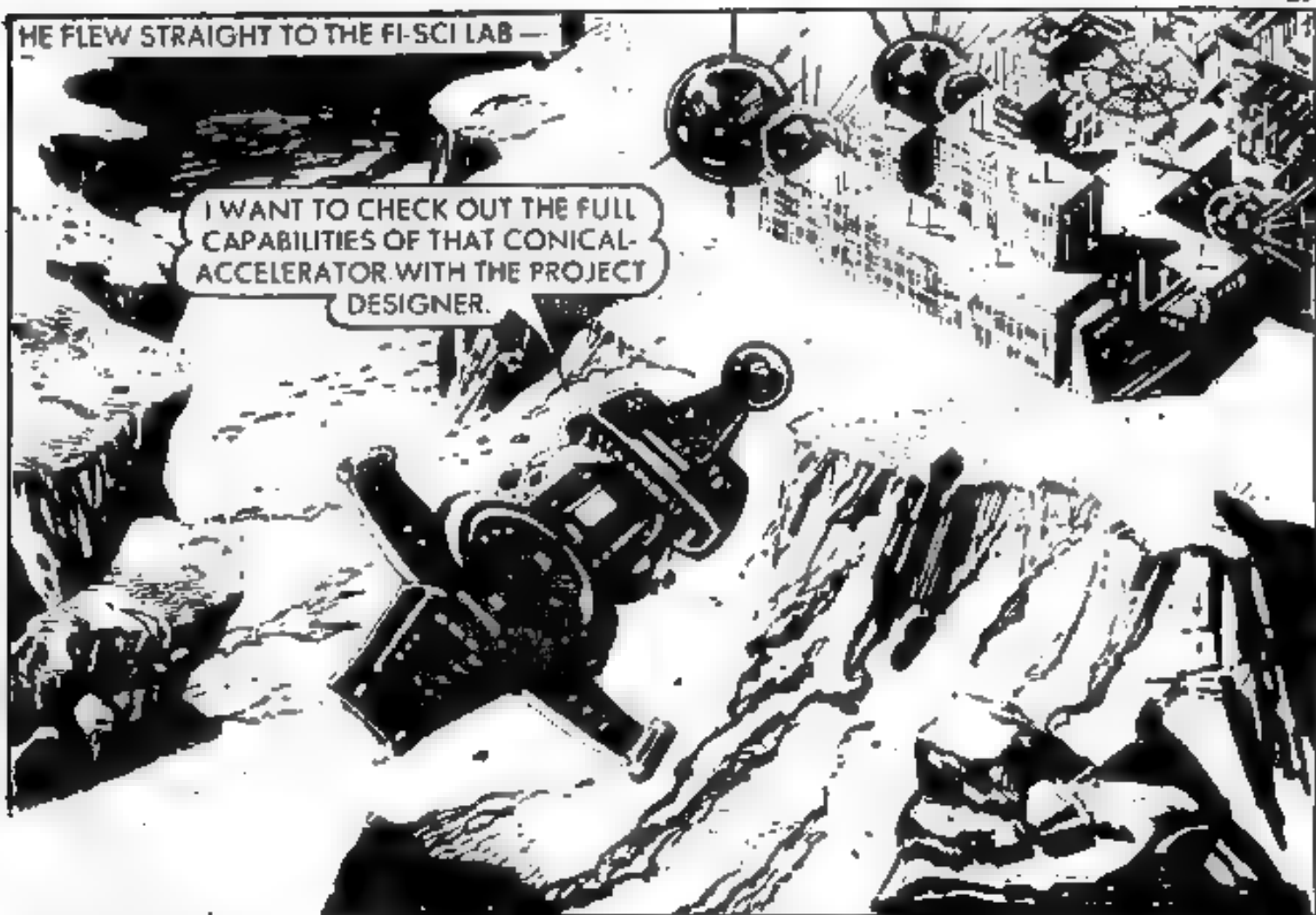
THE SHIP WHICH HADRON COMMANDEERED TO CARRY HIM TO EARTH, WAS LOWER-POWERED THAN HIS LOST FI-SCI CRAFT.





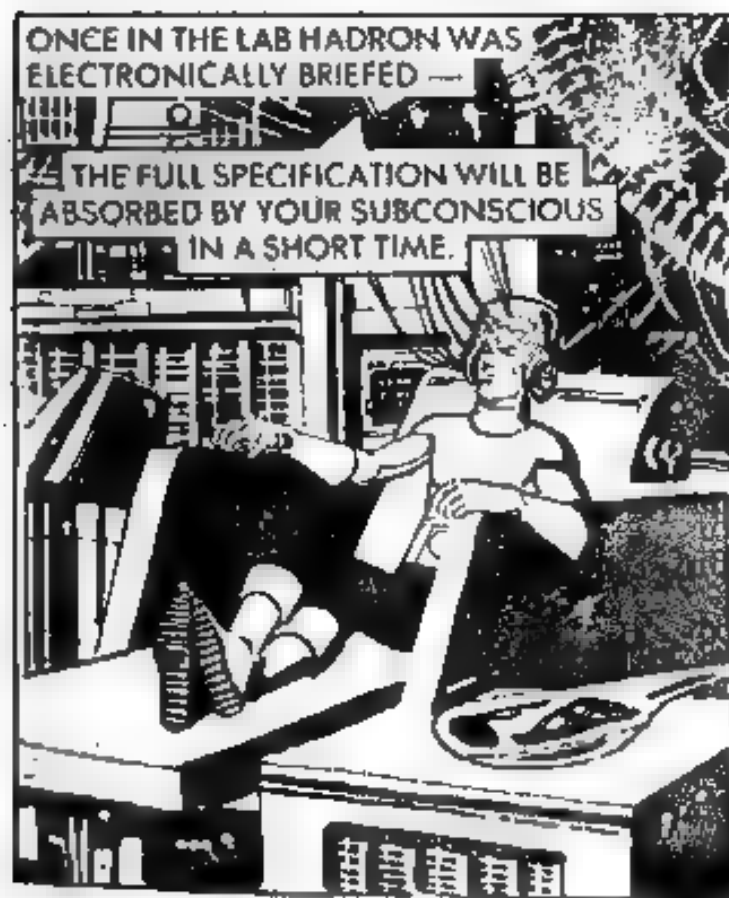
HE FLEW STRAIGHT TO THE FI-SCI LAB —

I WANT TO CHECK OUT THE FULL  
CAPABILITIES OF THAT CONICAL-  
ACCELERATOR WITH THE PROJECT  
DESIGNER.



ONCE IN THE LAB HADRON WAS  
ELECTRONICALLY BRIEFED —

THE FULL SPECIFICATION WILL BE  
ABSORBED BY YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS  
IN A SHORT TIME.



AS THE INFORMATION FLOODED IN —

JUPE! IT'S NOT A CASE OF WHAT  
THE ACCELERATOR CAN DO, IT'S  
MORE A CASE OF WHAT IT CAN'T  
DO!



HADRON WAS TAKEN TO SEE THE LABORATORY MODEL OF THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR.



I'VE BEEN IN SPACE SO LONG THAT I FIND WEATHER A STRANGE NOVELTY.

IT'S STRANGE TO ME AS WELL. THIS IS THE MIDDLE OF OUR SUMMER.



SNOW! THIS COULD BE THER WORK OF VASSAL AND THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR!

HADRON EXPERIMENTED FOR HOURS IN THE LABORATORY.

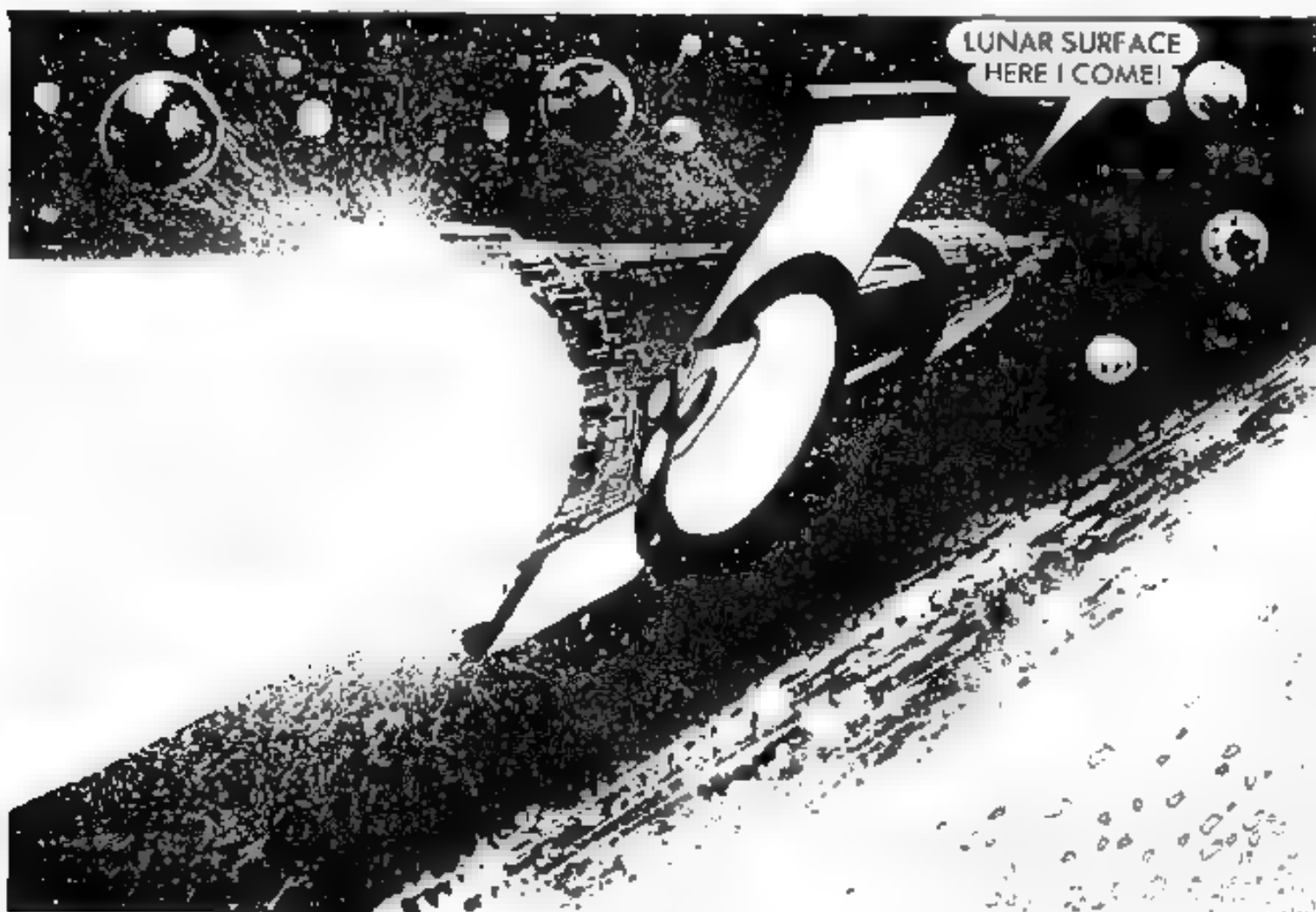


THAT'S IT! A BOMBARDMENT OF E-PARTICLES WOULD MAKE THE IONOSPHERE DENSER AND CUT EARTH OFF FROM SOLAR RADIATION.

EVEN AS HADRON SPOKE, GIANT ICEBERGS CRUSHED THE ATLANTIC BRIDGE.



IF WE DON'T STOP VASSAL, THEN  
EARTH IS HEADING FOR ANOTHER ICE AGE!





ONCE CLEAR OF EARTH'S CLOUD COVER  
AN EVIL FACE INVADDED HIS TRANSMIT  
RECEIVER.

PEOPLE OF EARTH, YOUR CIVILISATION  
ENTERS ITS FINAL PHASE. I, VASSAL, AM  
THE INSTRUMENT OF YOUR DESTRUCTION.

THESE E-PARTICLES WILL  
HAVE TO WORK.

INSIDE THE DOME ARKAN'S PLEA WAS MET BY  
VASSAL'S IMPATIENCE

YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR PROMISE  
TO DEMAND A NEW HOME FOR MY  
PEOPLE!

YES! I HAVE  
FORGOTTEN.

## HADRON MADE MOONFALL —

WE'VE ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER  
ALL ROUND THE CRATER HADRON,  
BUT WE CAN'T ADVANCE BEYOND  
THE RIDGE.

WE'VE TRIED TUNNELLING, BUT THE FORCE  
FIELD EXTENDS UNDERGROUND.

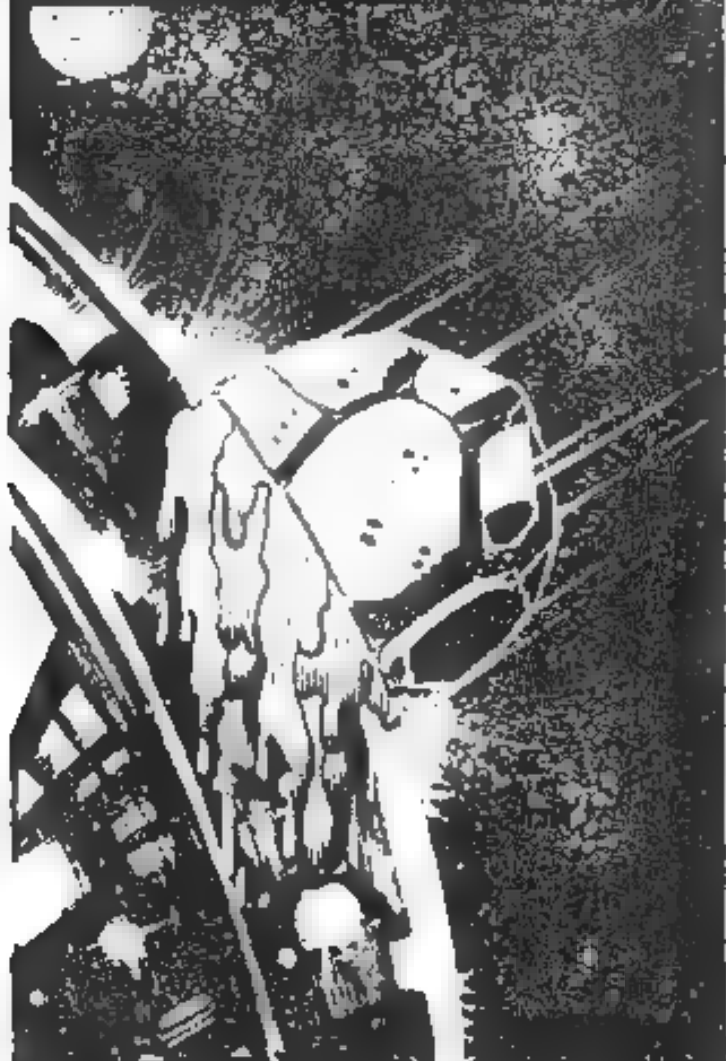
THE FORCE FIELD IS IMPENETRABLE. I'LL  
GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS  
PROPERTIES. PUSH THAT ROCK DOWN  
THERE!



WATCH THE BOULDER!



THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE ROCK WAS CHANGED BY THE BARRIER OF CHARGED PARTICLES INTO A FLUID.



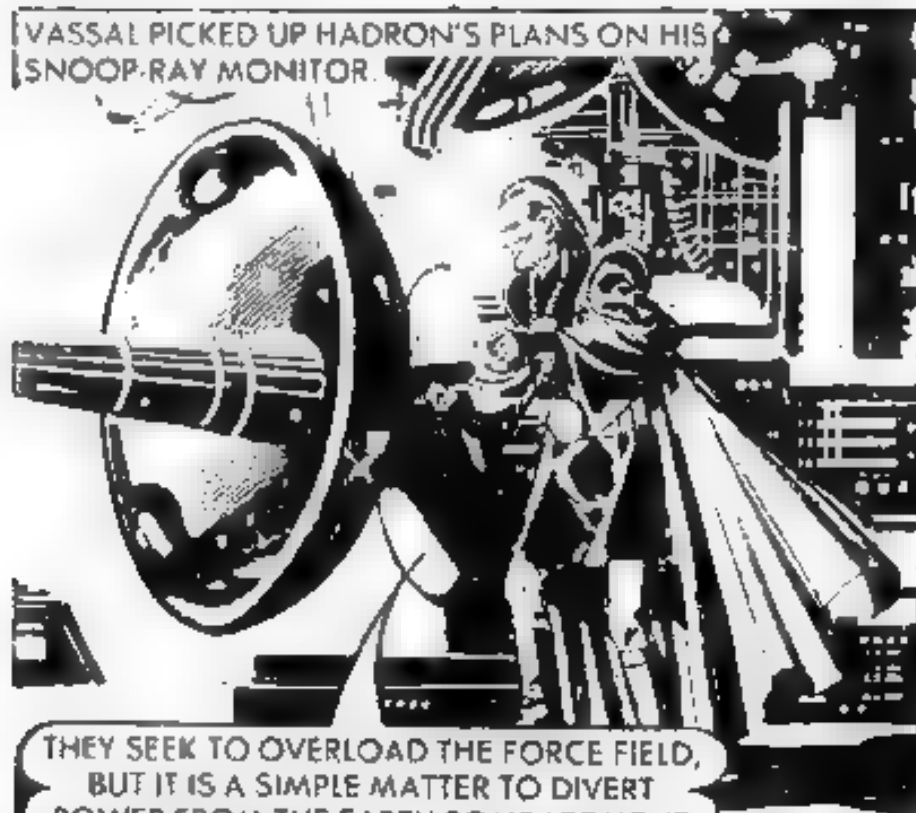
THE FORCE FIELD COPED WITH A BOULDER BUT IT MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH A LARGE SCALE AVALANCHE.



IF WE PLACE EXPLOSIVE CHARGES IN THE CLIFF FACE, VASSAL CAN'T STOP US.

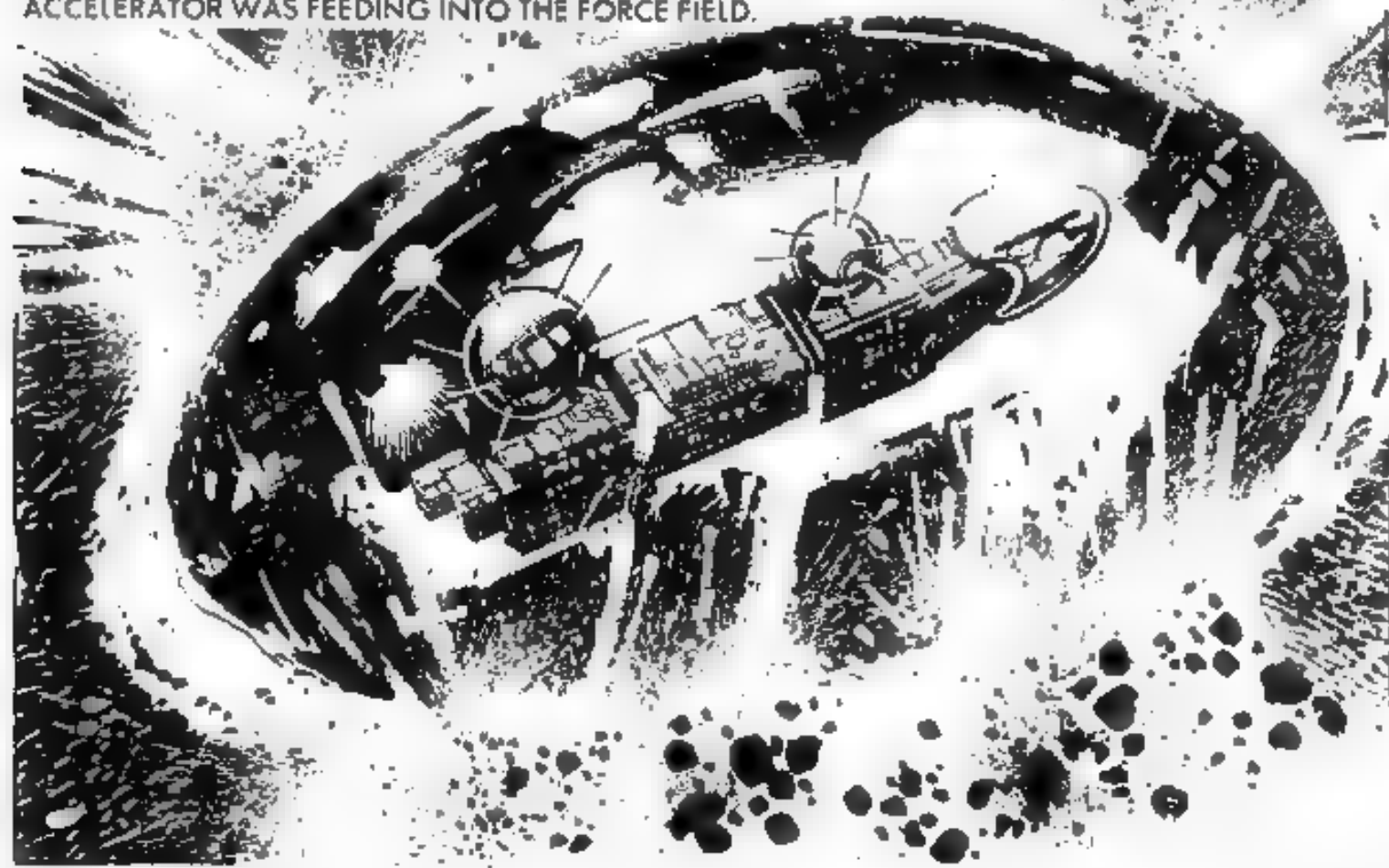


VASSAL PICKED UP HADRON'S PLANS ON HIS SNOOP-RAY MONITOR.

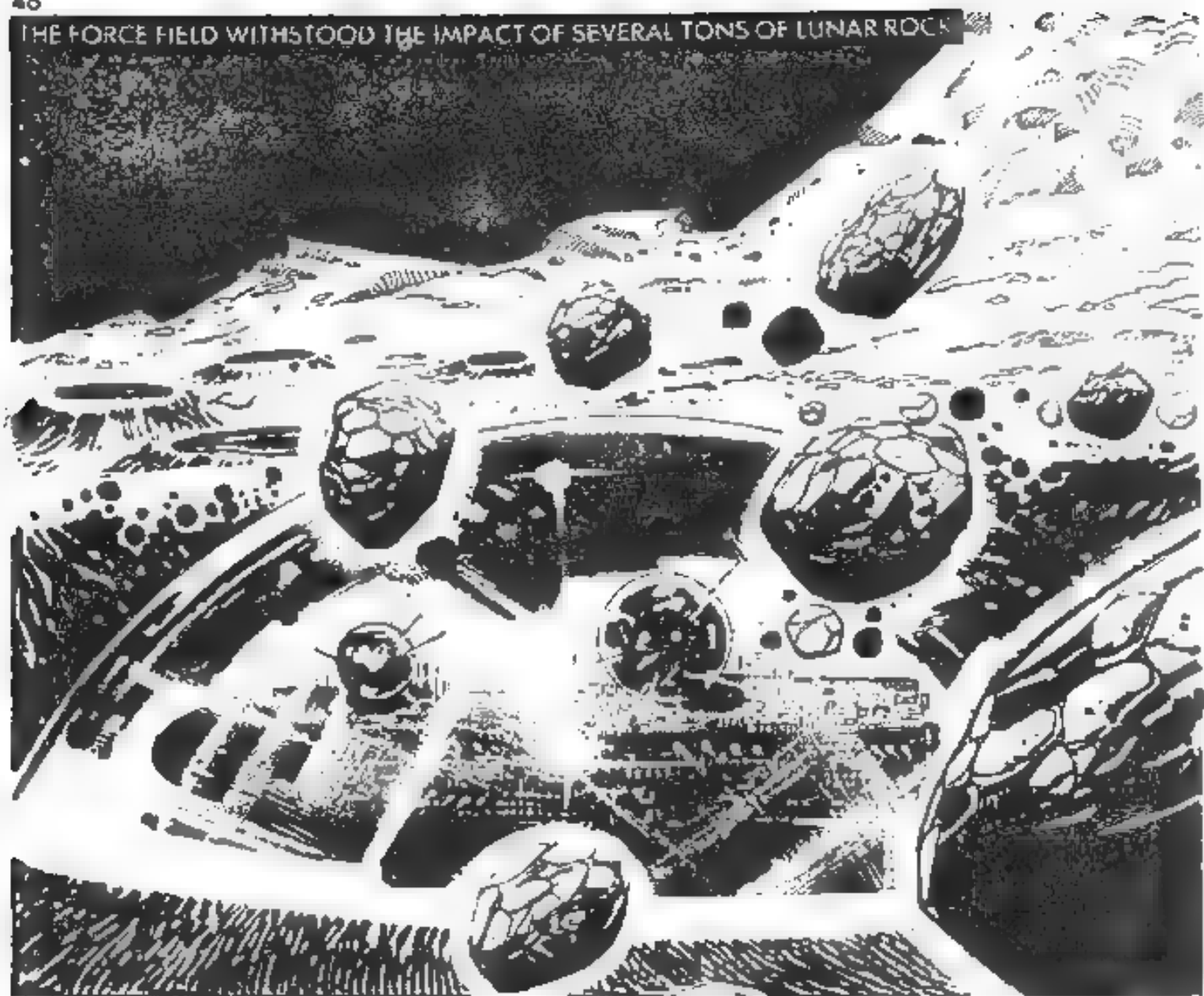


THEY SEEK TO OVERLOAD THE FORCE FIELD, BUT IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER TO DIVERT POWER FROM THE EARTH BOMBARDMENT TO REINFORCE MY DEFENCES.

WHEN HADRON GAVE THE ORDER TO FIRE THE CHARGES, THE TOTAL OUTPUT FROM THE CONICAL ACCELERATOR WAS FEEDING INTO THE FORCE FIELD.



THE FORCE FIELD WITHSTOOD THE IMPACT OF SEVERAL TONS OF LUNAR ROCK



THE FOOLS! THEY DON'T KNOW THE  
STRENGTH OF THEIR OWN INVENTION.

I THINK THEY DO KNOW  
WHAT THEY'RE DOING!

ARKAN WAS RIGHT. THE MOLECULAR CHANGE IN THE ROCK CAUSED SUPER-HEATING AND IT SWEEPED TOWARDS VASSAL AND HIS SHIP IN A TIDE OF TERROR.



ARKAN WAS NOT AS QUICK TO FLEE AS VASSAL AND WAS TRAPPED BY THE TIDE.

VASSAL HAS BETRAYED ME — AGAIN!  
HE HAS ABANDONED ME TO THE FLOOD!



THE TIDAL WAVE DESTROYED THE CONNECTING LINK WITH THE ACCELERATOR, AND THE  
FORCE FIELD COLLAPSED.



MAINTAIN FULL DEFENCES! HIS SHIP IS STILL  
INTACT AND COULD BE ARMED.





HE'S ON THE RUN.  
YOU'VE WON, HADRON!

I'M NOT CERTAIN!

HADRON SET OUT TO INVESTIGATE --

THE BUILD UP OF ICE ON EARTH MAY  
HAVE ALREADY TRIGGERED A  
NATURAL CLIMATIC CHANGE WHICH  
CAN ONLY BE REVERSED BY THE  
CONICAL-ACCELERATOR, WHICH HE  
STILL HAS.

THEY DISCOVERED AN IMMOBILISED ARKAN —

HERE'S SOMEONE WHO'LL LEAD US TO VASSAL —  
UNLESS HE WANTS TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS DAYS  
BREAKING ROCKS ON DEVIL'S ASTEROID.



ARKAN HAD NO HESITATION IN BETRAYING VASSAL.

HE HIDES ON A DERELICT SPACE-STATION —  
I GIVE YOU CO-ORDINATES.

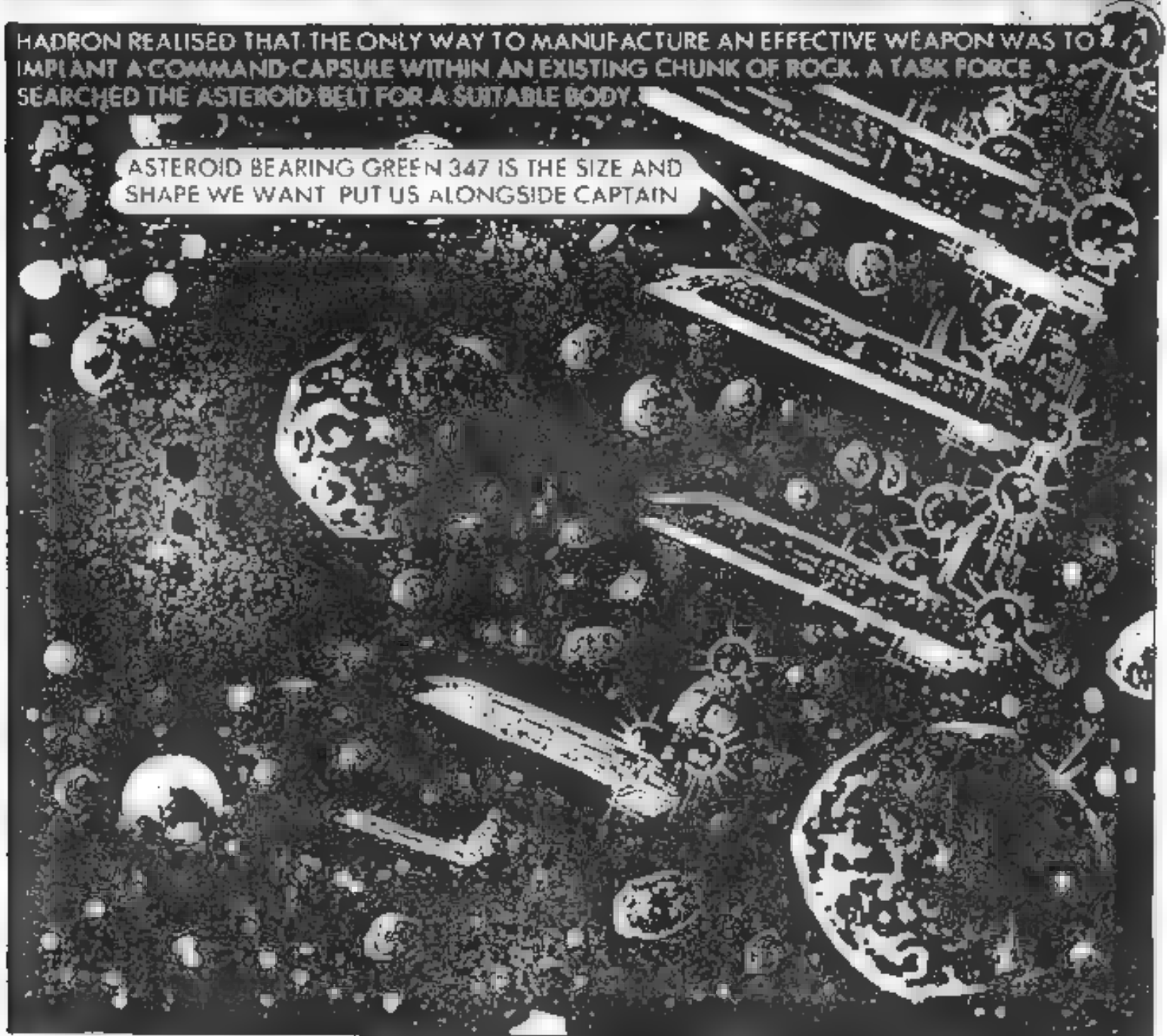
EVEN A DERELICT SPACE-STATION WILL  
BE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK WITH  
THE CONICAL-ACCELERATOR  
(DEPENDING IT.)

WE WON'T GET NEAR HIS BASE, UNLESS...  
THIS STUFF HARDENS QUICKLY, AND  
ASTEROIDS ARE MADE OF IT.

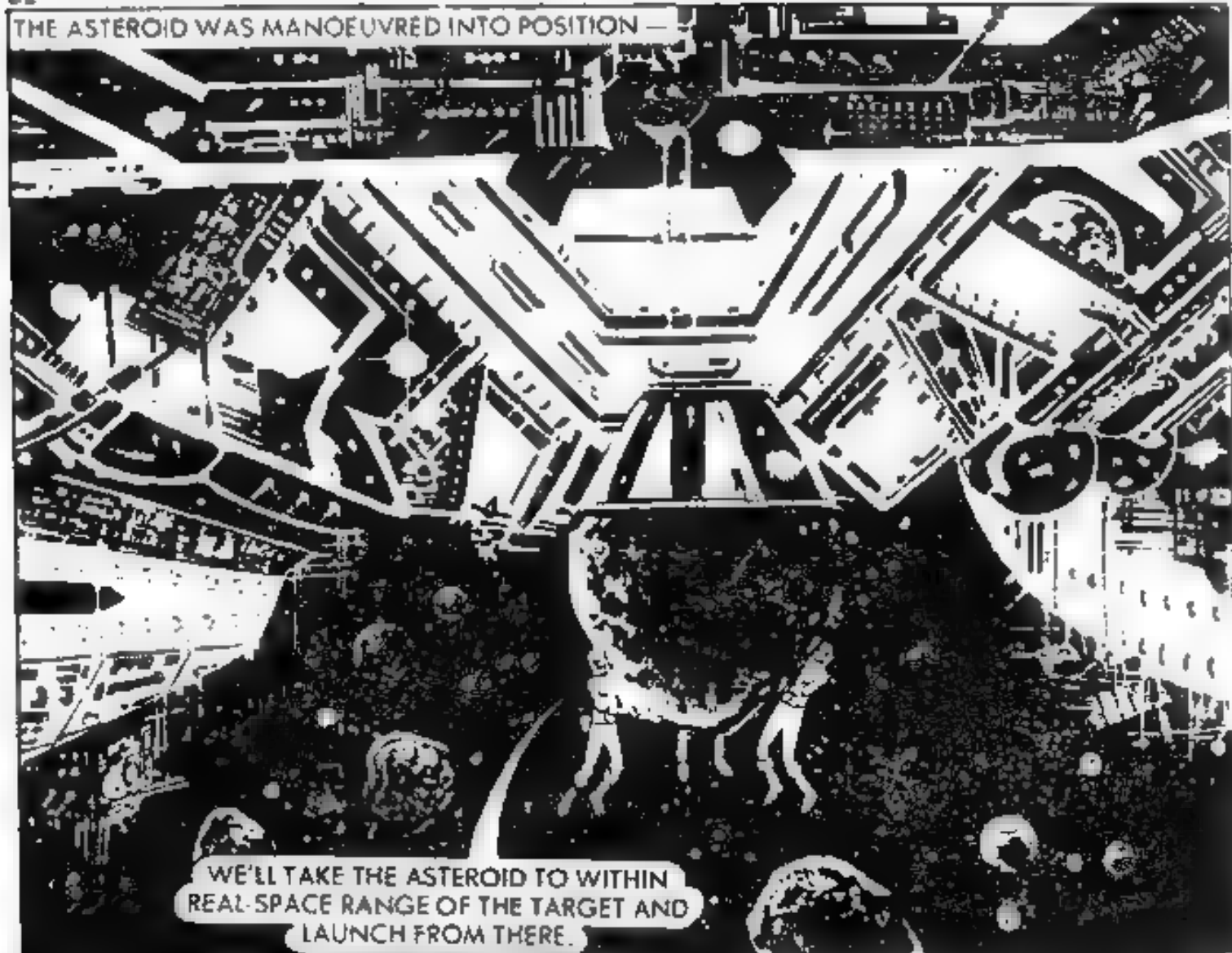


HADRON REALISED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO MANUFACTURE AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON WAS TO  
IMPLANT A COMMAND CAPSULE WITHIN AN EXISTING CHUNK OF ROCK. A TASK FORCE  
SEARCHED THE ASTEROID BELT FOR A SUITABLE BODY.

ASTEROID BEARING GREEN 347 IS THE SIZE AND  
SHAPE WE WANT. PUT US ALONGSIDE CAPTAIN



THE ASTEROID WAS MANOEUVRED INTO POSITION —



WE'LL TAKE THE ASTEROID TO WITHIN  
REAL-SPACE RANGE OF THE TARGET AND  
LAUNCH FROM THERE.

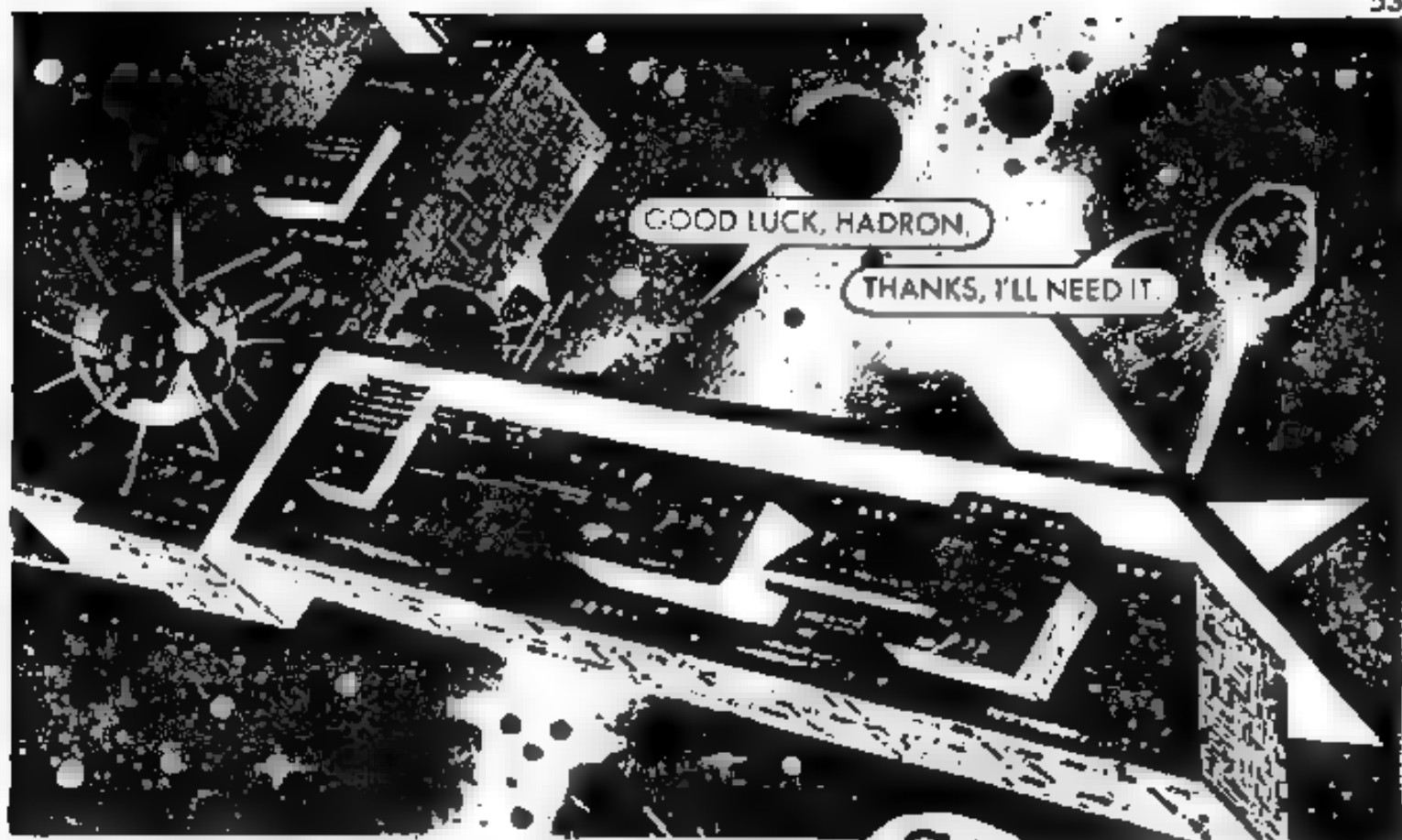


THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ASTEROID WERE  
CARRIED OUT DURING THE HYPER-SPACE  
JUMP TO THE TARGET AREA.

STAY OUT OF RANGE CAPTAIN, UNTIL  
YOU CAN BE CERTAIN I'VE PUT THE  
ACCELERATOR OUT OF ACTION.







THE ASTEROID DROPPED INTO ORBIT—

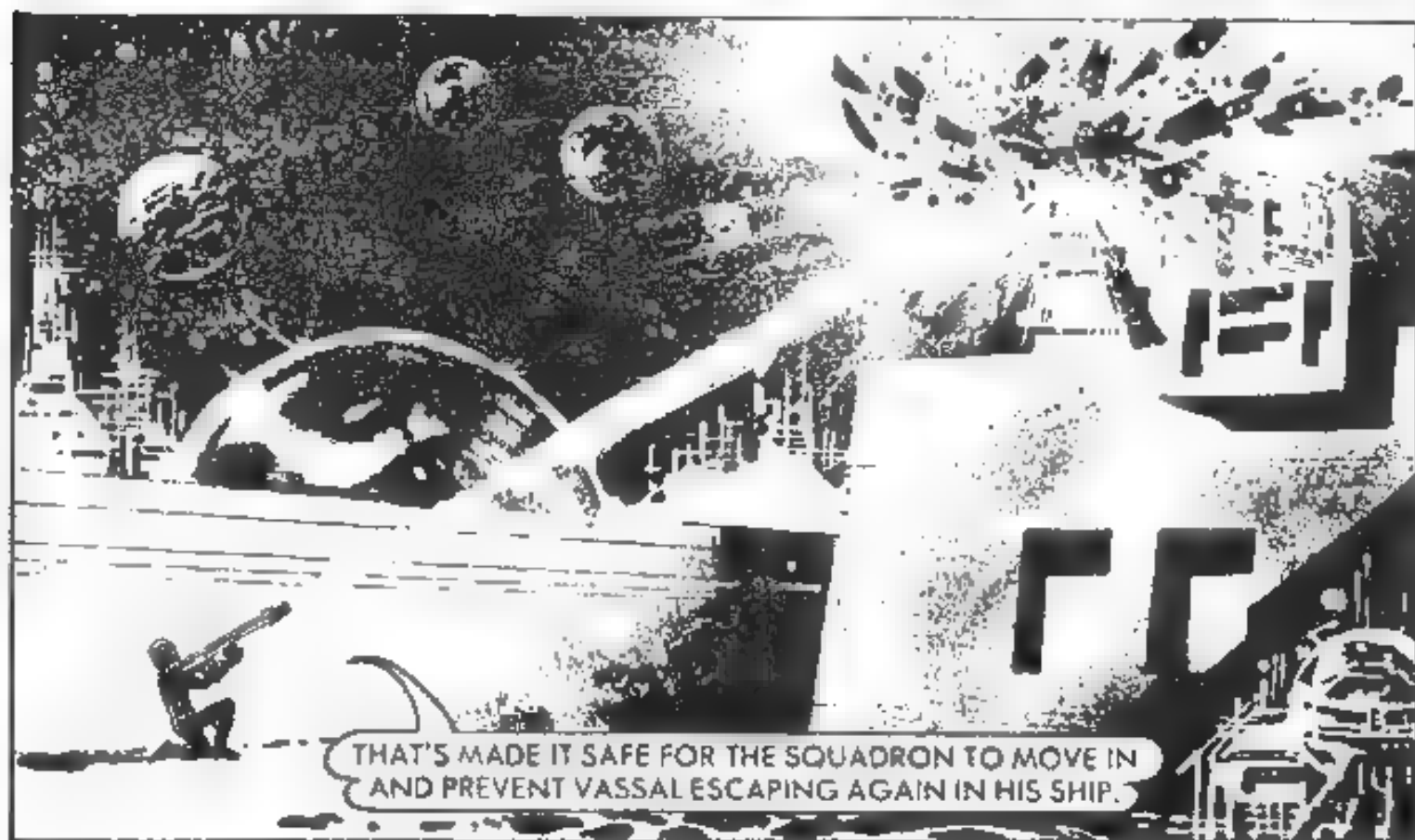
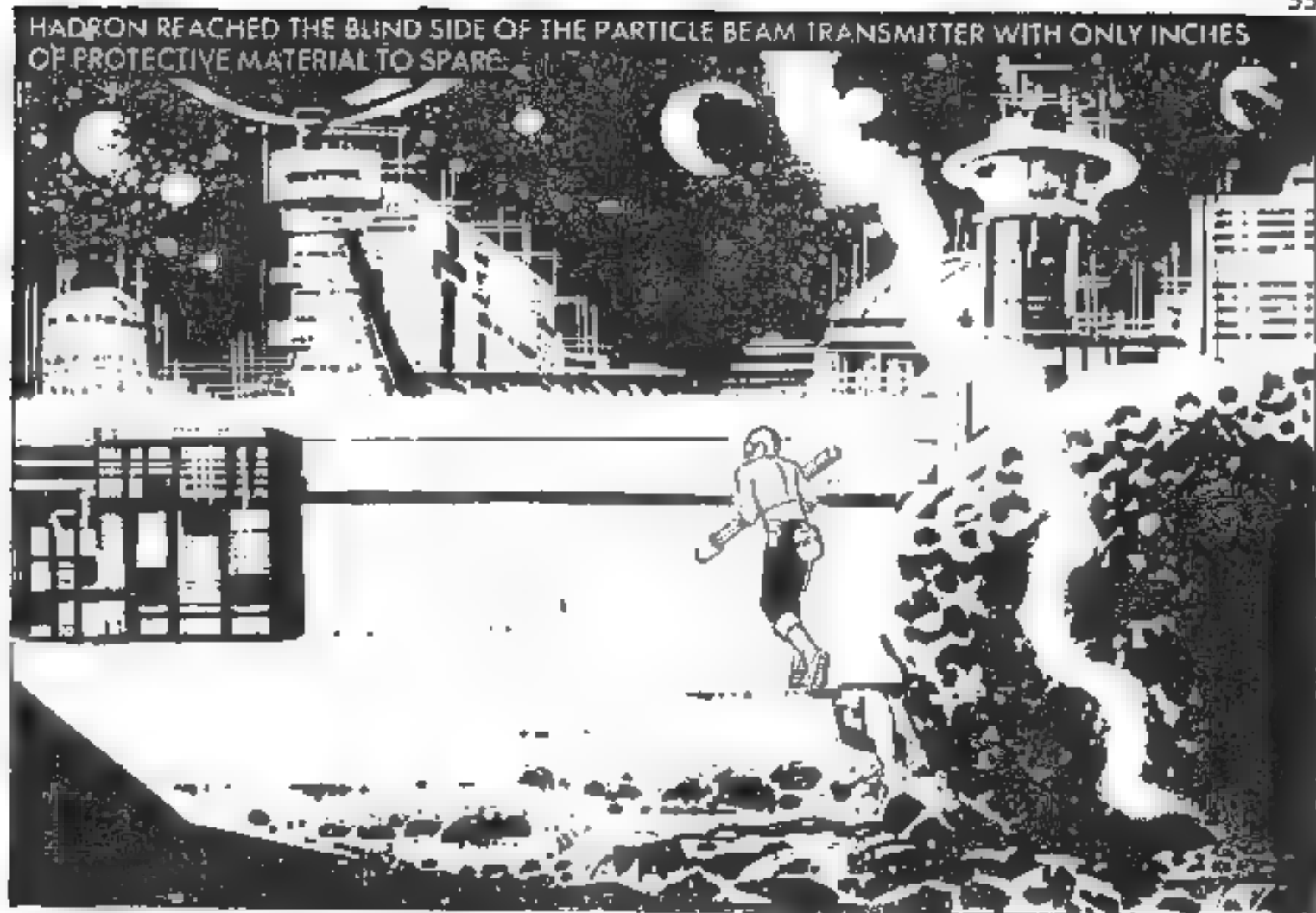


VASSAL HAS SPOTTED ME! BUT I CAN  
CONSERVE PRECIOUS LAYERS OF  
ROCK BY TAKING EVASIVE ACTION

VASSAL HAD CONNECTED THE ACCELERATOR TO A TRANSMITTER AERIAL WHICH, COULD NOT  
BE COMPUTER TARGETTED.

THE ERRATIC BEHAVIOUR OF THAT METEORITE  
CONVINCES ME IT IS A THREAT, BUT IT MOVES TOO  
FAST TO DESTROY.

HADRON REACHED THE BLIND SIDE OF THE PARTICLE BEAM TRANSMITTER WITH ONLY INCHES OF PROTECTIVE MATERIAL TO SPARE.

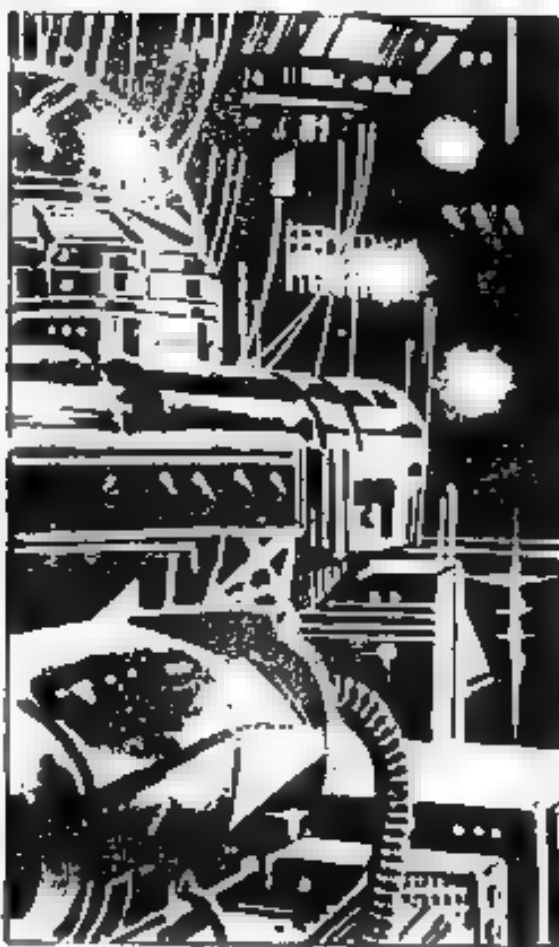
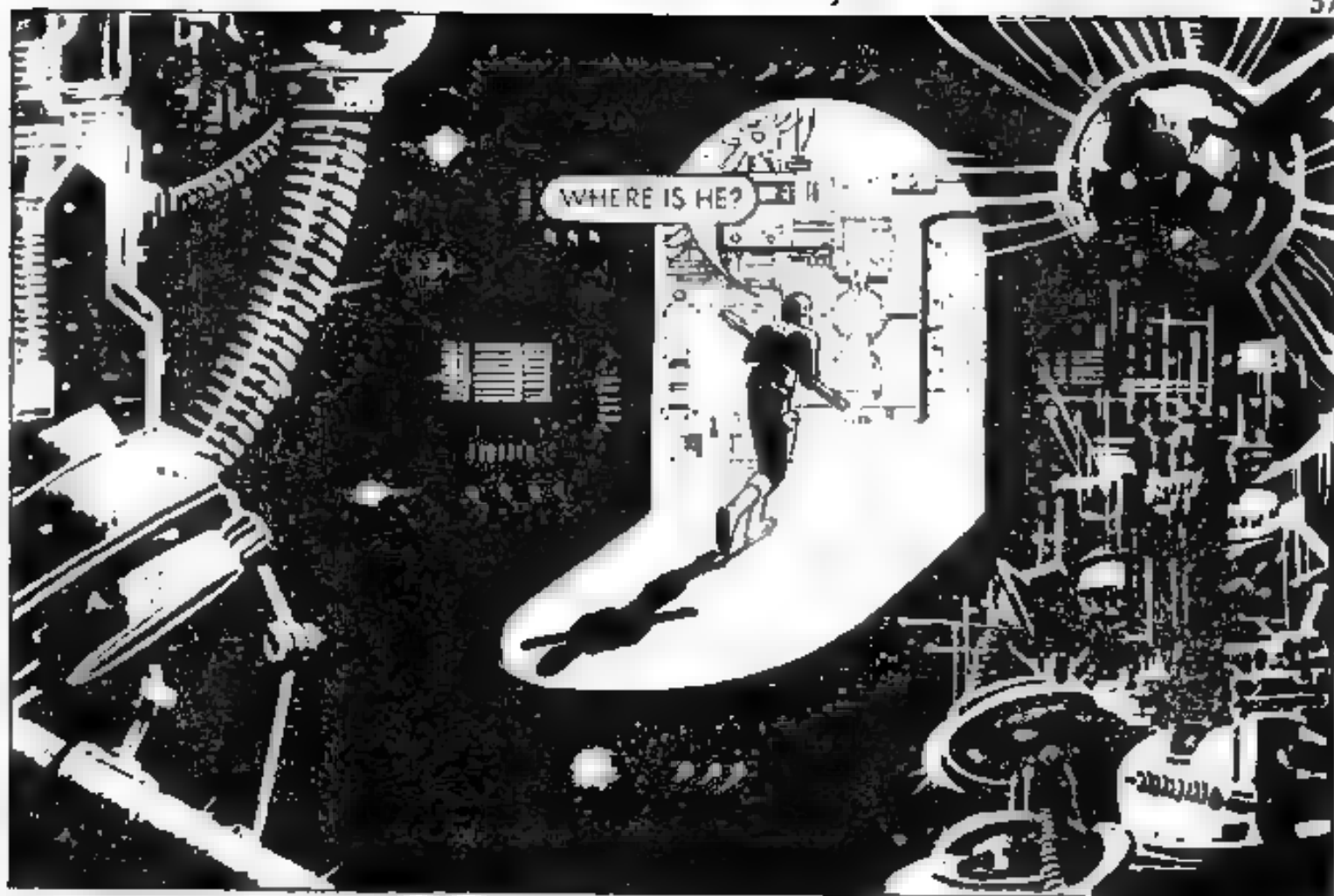


THAT'S MADE IT SAFE FOR THE SQUADRON TO MOVE IN AND PREVENT VASSAL ESCAPING AGAIN IN HIS SHIP.

NOW I MUST STOP VASSAL  
LINKING THAT INFERNAL  
ACCELERATOR TO ANOTHER  
TRANSMITTER.

THE AIR SUPPLY PLANT WAS LEFT INTACT  
WHEN THIS STATION WAS ABANDONED...







YOUR EARTH WEAPONS  
ARE WEAK!



YOUR PUNY BODY IS NO MATCH  
FOR MY STRENGTH EITHER.

JUPE! HE'S BUILT  
LIKE A GORRILLA!

YOU WILL DIE FROM THE VACUUM  
THAT GIVES ME LIFE!



THE AIR HASN'T BUILT UP TO A BREATHABLE  
LIMIT, IT'S LIKE A COLD KNIFE IN MY LUNGS!

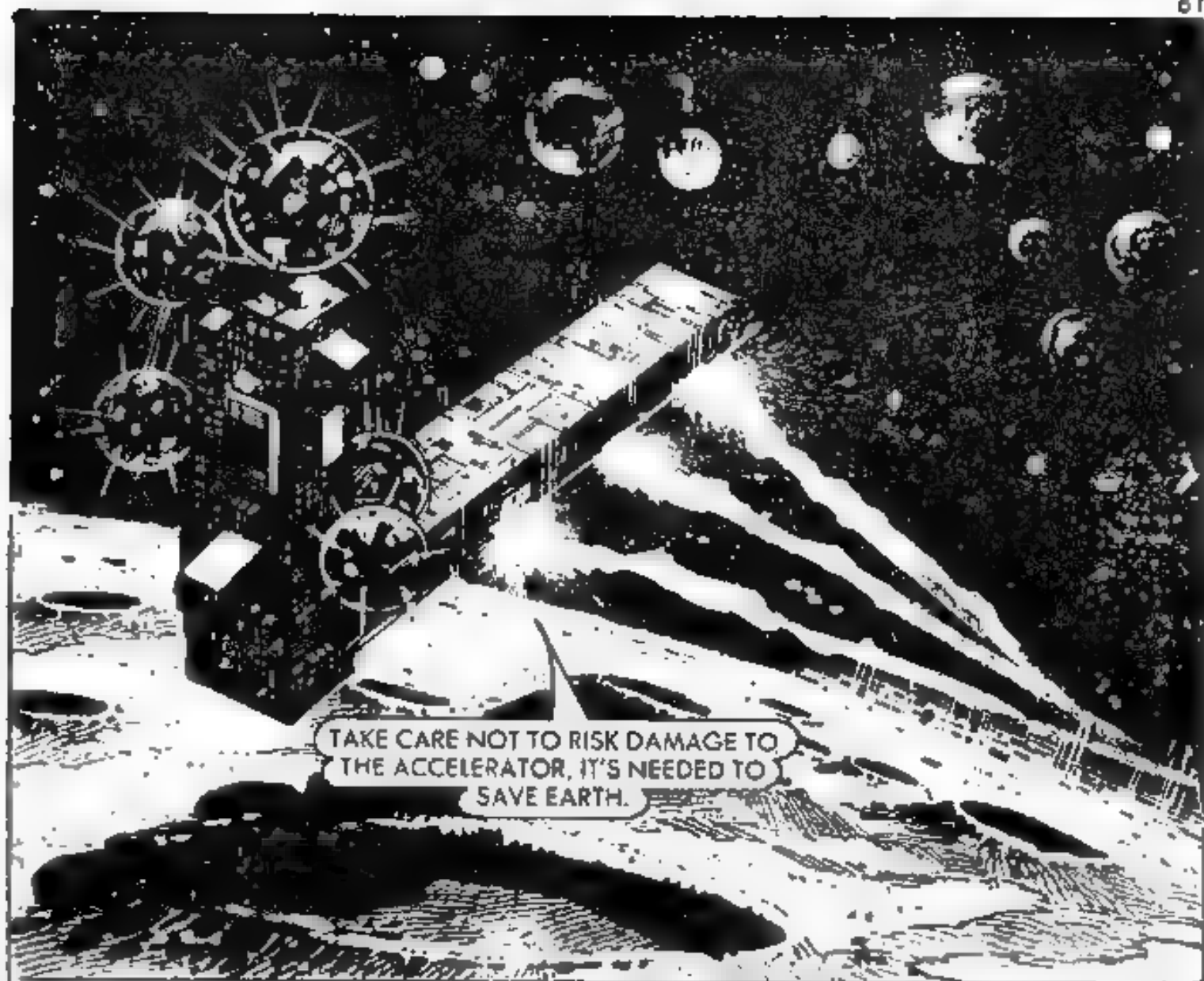
BUT BEFORE VASSAL COULD RECONNECT THE ACCELERATOR, THE EARTH SHIPS WERE WITHIN LASER RANGE OF THE SPACE STATION.



PRECISION TARGETTED SHOTS DESTROYED ALL POSSIBLE TRANSMISSION AERIALS WITHOUT DAMAGING THE MAIN STRUCTURE OF THE SPACE STATION.





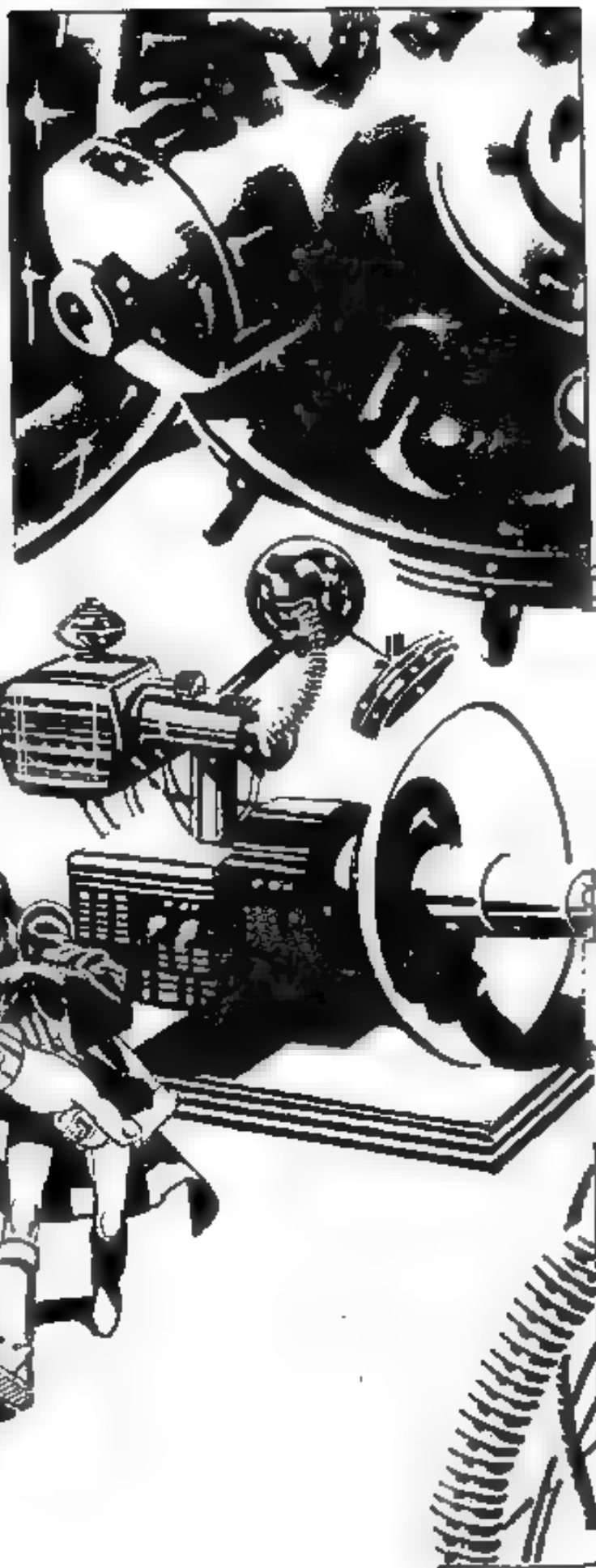


HADRON MANAGED TO CRAWL TO A VENT FEEDING FROM THE AIR SUPPLY PLANT.

JUST ONE MORE DEEP BREATH AND I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO HAVE ANOTHER CRACK AT VASSAL.



HIS UNEXPECTED RETURN FROM DEATH GAVE HADRON A MOMENTARY ADVANTAGE WHEN HE ATTACKED VASSAL—



WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TEST IF YOUR PERSONAL  
AURA IS PROOF AGAINST THE POWER OF THE  
CONICAL-ACCELERATOR, OR WILL YOU  
SURRENDER?



VASSAL USED HIS IMMENSE ENERGY TO LEAP  
AT HADRON—

I WILL NEVER SURRENDER.







WHAT WILL THIS DO?

NO... NO... NOOOOO...

HADRON TOUCHED VASSAL'S FORCEFIELD  
WITH THE POWER LEAD FROM THE  
CONICAL ACCELERATOR.

THE POWERFUL ACCELERATOR INSTANTLY  
DEMOLECULARISED VASSAL. HIS REARRANGED  
BODY WAS TRAPPED FOREVER INSIDE HIS FORCE  
SHIELD.

JUPE!

TRAPPED, BUT NOT ELIMINATED.

THE ACCELERATOR WAS RETURNED TO EARTH AND LINKED UP TO BRING THE CLIMATE BACK TO NORMAL.



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# **STARBLAZER**

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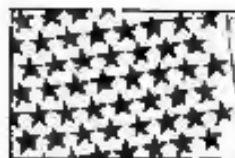
PROTON BOLT AND PHASER LANCE BURN AND DESTROY AS SCORPION  
FIGHTS MOLE—A DEADLY DUEL FOR EARTH'S SURVIVAL ON...

## **THE KILLING GROUND**

# **NOW ON SALE**



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# STARBLAZER'S

GUIDE TO THE SPACEMEN

The fourth man to set foot on the Moon was  
**Commander Alan Lavern Bean, 37, USN.,**  
lunar module pilot of Apollo 12  
launched on November 14, 1969.  
The mission lasted 10 days  
4 hr. 36 min. 25 sec.  
Bean also commanded  
Skylab 3 which  
lasted 59 days 11 hr.  
9 min. 4 sec. after  
launch on July 28 1973.

